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edited for the forthcoming Volume of 'Yorkshire Diaries' by
Mr. S. Margerison.**

**JAMES RAINÉ,
Secretary.**

P R E F A C E.

A FEW words will suffice to introduce this Volume to the Members of the Surtees Society. It is a continuation of the series begun in Vol. LXV., which received a ready welcome. There is a freshness and a novelty in Memorials of this description which arrest the sympathies and attention of a large number of readers.

I. The History of the Family of Priestley was known by repute to the late Mr. Joseph Hunter, who tried in vain to obtain a sight of it. It gives an account of a widely-spread family, simply and pleasantly narrated.

For the loan of the MS. the Society is indebted to Mr. John Rawson, of Brockwell, Halifax; and much information and kindly assistance were afforded to the Editor by Mr. Charles Edwards Priestley, of Darncombe Street, Moss Side, Manchester, a member of the ancient family in the history of which he is so deeply interested. It was intended to give a pedigree of Priestley, illustrated by extracts from Wills and other genealogical information, but that has been prevented by the much-lamented and sudden decease of Mr. Charles Jackson, the Editor, whose exertions in behalf of the Surtees Society have been so highly appreciated.

II. The Diary, or Note Book of Sir Walter Calverley, of Esholt, is among the papers connected with the ancient house of Calverley, which were presented to the British Museum by the late Sir Walter Calverley Trevelyan, of Wallington, Bart. The Surtees Society had no stronger supporter than Sir Walter Trevelyan, and the writer of this Preface had no kinder friend. It was through Sir Walter's wish that 'A Selection from the

Papers of the Ancient Family of Calverley,' stood for many years upon the list of our intended publications. The publication of this Diary is, therefore, the partial fulfilment of an old promise. To Sir C. E. Trevelyan, Sir Walter's successor at Wallington, the Society is indebted for the reproductions in photography of the portraits of his ancestor and ancestress who are commemorated in this Volume. Within the last few weeks Sir Charles Trevelyan himself has passed away from us. Farther praise of him is superfluous when we say that he has raised even to a higher level than before the honoured name of Trevelyan.

Mr. Margerison, the Editor of the Calverley Diary, desires gratefully to acknowledge the assistance which he has received from that store-house of Yorkshire Family History, the Rev. C. B. Norcliffe, of Langton.

J. R.

PART I.

SOME MEMOIRS CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF THE PRIESTLEYS, WRITTEN, AT THE REQUEST OF A FRIEND, BY JONATHAN PRIESTLEY, AN^o. DOMINI 1696, ÆTATIS SUÆ 63.

We read though the Jews were more exact in keeping the register of their genealogies than any other people, yet there was many of them, upon their return from their captivity out of Babylon, could not shew their pedigree or the house of their fathers. It would be a pleasing entertainment to some persons to know something of their ancestors, of their quality, of the condition they had lived in, and the places of their abode where they have sojourned while they have continued in this world. The providences of God have been very remarkable about some families, the knowledge whereof may be not only pleasing but profitable to posterity.

The old generation of the Priestleys being worn out, myself being the eldest now living, I shall give some memorials or notices concerning our family, so far as come within the reach either of my own knowledge, or what I have heard from my parents and good uncles, who lived all of them to a good old age.

The ancient seat and the inheritance of the Priestleys was in Soyland, which was three good farms worth 40*l.* per annum, so accounted in old times. There lived Henry Priestley, grandfather to Robert Priestley now living this present year, 1695, who is now aged about 63. That Soyland hath been in the possession of the Priestleys above 600 years, and their own proper inheritance, I have heard the same from my uncle and ancestors; nor can I understand from cousin Robert, who hath lately sold that inheritance to Richard Hoyle, of Godley, in Northowram, deceased, that he hath any old writings that make mention of the names of any person in whose possession it was before the Priestleys, but descended from father to son.

I shall here insert a writing from cousin Robert Priestley,

verbally as sent to me, who is the oldest of that branch of our family now living, which is this :—

‘Soyland hath been as ancient in the Priestleys’ name as since William the Conqueror, and they called their children Williams at the first, many of them, and then Henrys and Roberts ; and the Baitings estate came to the Priestleys by a ward, whose name was Helen Gledhill,¹ which was the lands of one Richard Gledhill some time, as the old writings make mention.’

This estate of the Baitings, with three farms adjoining, was worth 100*l.* per annum. Another reason that moves me to believe Soyland was the inheritance of the Priestleys is this :— cousin Joseph Priestley, at Gray’s Inn² a considerable time, who was the son of John my eldest brother, he went to the king’s herald to search for the Priestleys’ arms ; and told me they³ was derived from Soyland. If any one desire to know the truth thereof further, must apply⁴ to the king’s herald.⁵

Henry Priestley, of Soyland, had two sons, Robert and

¹ Helen daughter of Richard Gledhill m. Henry Priestley.

² Admitted of Gray’s Inn, 4th February, 1662.

³ Another copy reads, “he had the coat of arms, and told me,” &c.

⁴ In another copy, “must apply themselves.”

⁵ Probably is meant one of the King’s of Arms. No pedigree of Priestley, of Halifax, or that neighbourhood, is recorded at the Herald’s College. At the Visitation of Middlesex, 1634 (C. 28, 22 B.), the following descent of William Priestley, of London, was entered, with a note that the arms and crest annexed had been granted to him and his posterity, 2nd February, 1607, by William Camden, *Clarendon*, vizi., Gules, on a chevron argent, three grappling irons sable, between as many towers of the second issuing out of each of which a demi-lion rampant or. Crest, a cockatrice argent standing on the lower part of a broken spear lying feasewise or, in his mouth the other portion. These armorial bearings have been assumed, apparently without authority, by the Priestleys of Yorkshire.

Wm. Prestley, of London, Margt. sister to Sir Nicholas Moseley.

Anna, da. of Rafe Hart, of the city of Wm. Prestley, of London, Elizabeth, dan. of Thomas Bristol, first wife. sonne and heire. Spicer, of Exeter.

Hester da. of Sir John Gore, of Wm. Prestley, Martha, wife to Wm. Elizabeth. London, Alderman. son and heire. Cutler, of London.

Wm. Prestley, Hester, 1.
son and heire. Mabell, 2.

In Belz and Palmer’s Collections in Coll. Arm. (G.F.B., part 2, fo. 468), is a pedigree differing in some respects from that narrated by the writer of the MS. now under notice.

John,⁶ both of them I knew very well. Robert was my godfather,⁷ which was then required of all that was baptized. Robert, the elder, being married, was placed at the Baitings, and after his father's death had both it and Soyland. This Robert had two sons also, Henry and Robert. Henry, the elder, married to one Grace Butterworth,⁸ of Rochdale, and died shortly after the covenants of marriage was agrood upon but not sealed. Before the consummation of the marriage, and the death of Henry, Robert the father refused to seal the covenants, thinking to reserve the estates in whole or in part for Robert his younger son, but Grace the widow of Henry proved with child;—hereupon did arise a great suit. Thomas Butterworth did recover the whole estate for the young heir. This suit cost Robert Priestley 300*l.*, as I have heard often, and gave a great shock to that family, and was the first step to its ruin; the young heir, Henry,⁹ being born after his father's death, became a great prodigal.

Old Robert died shortly after; his grandson became heir to all the estate, both Soyland and Baitings, worth 140*l.* per annum, which would not maintain his prodigality, but he ran the estate into 500*l.* debt, and so destroyed himself by intemperance. The estate came to his uncle Robert, who might by prudent managing have preserved it; but he, who before could live upon a little, could not now live upon a great deal, but squandered all away, sold Soyland to Richard Hoyle of Godley, the Baitings to William Horton of Barksland; so the ancient inheritance of the Priestleys is quite alienated from the family.

This Robert, who sold the estate, had a son called Henry,

* John Priestley, of Soyland, co. York, late of Clement's Inn, gent., was admitted of the Inner Temple, 9th July, 26 Eliz., 1584; his sureties being Robert Greenwood and Da. Waterhouse. He was called to the Bar, 11th Feb., 1592; appointed Recorder of Ripon by charter 24th June, 1604, and was succeeded in that office by Sir Richard Hutton in 1610.

⁷ This must be in the year 1633.—(*Note in MS.*)

⁸ Grace Butterworth re-married Isaac Farrar, of Sowerby. She died of a fever, and was buried at Ormskirk, July 3rd, 1680.

⁹ This Henry was clerk to Mr. Entwistle, of Ormskirk, an attorney. He died at Ormskirk, and was buried there July 3rd, 1680. On June 1st, 1711, Thos. Priestley, of Rochdale, son and heir of Henry Priestley and Martha his wife, signed away his right of equity of redemption of the Baitings' estate to Mr. Wm. Horton.

that, it's hoped, was a good Christian. He was married to one of the daughters of Daniel Greenwood, late of Halifax, who, going into Ireland about his trade, died there in the flower of his age.¹⁰

Another branch of the family of the Priestleys that sprang from Soyland was planted at Goodgreave, in the same town. My knowledge will not reach so far as to know which of them was first in possession of that place, but I am well assured it was my great grandfather. I never heard that it was in the possession of any person of any other name than the Priestleys. My great grandfather lived there in the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was the owner and proprietor of that place when the two Earls of Westmoreland and Northumberland raised a rebellion against that good queen in the north. I have heard my uncles say he was a very comely person; being a considerable clothier, used, when he warped, to button his beard within his coat or doublet.

I never heard that he had any son lived to any considerable age, but my grandfather Thomas. He had several daughters. One of my grandfather's sisters, I think, married that famous Mr. Broadley,¹¹ who had as great success in his ministry as any I ever heard of in these parts. He had two sons; both died before they were married: Benjamin died in Ireland; whether he was sent thither to the University at Dublin, or no, is uncer-

¹⁰ Henry Priestley, of Baltinga, died at Belfast, in Ireland, where he went to sell goods; buried there March 1st [1689-90], aged 22: a pious man.—*Heywood's Register*, p. 77.

¹¹ Mr. John Broadley was minister at Sowerby chapel in 1622, when the late old chapel was enlarged and re-edified, and is said to have preached 18 Sundays on the dial-stone in the chapel yard without so much as a shower of rain to disturb him. He lived at Ball Green, in Sowerby, and was buried at Halifax, 14th Feb., 1625, and is called in the register there *Pastor dignissimus*. In the wall of the south side, over a door, on a brass plate, is inscribed:—

Mr. Jo. Broadley late Minister of Sowerby Chapp: died Feb. 14, 1625; and Mary, his wife, also died March the 2nd, 1625, and here lie buried.

Here lies interr'd a zealous, grave Divine,
Meek, loving, lov'd, only with sin at strife;
Who heard him, saw life in his doctrine shine;
Who saw him, heard sound doctrine in his life.
And in the same cold bed here rests his wife.

Nor are they dead, but sleep; for he ne'er dies
That waits for his sweet Saviour's word, 'Arise.'

(Note in MS.)

tain. Not long after Mr. Broadley's death came Mr. Rathband¹² to Sowerby. By the labours and ministry of those faithful preachers, Sowerby was the most eminent place that was to be found in all the country ; wherein was many persons of note (of my knowledge), both for parts, estates, and piety ; having great and flourishing families that are now wofully degenerated in their posterities, both in their religion and temporal estates. Also my father and mother and good uncle made an honourable mention of their uncle Broadley, of his sermons, and holy conversation. I never heard that he did anything of moment, especially in temporal concerns, without his wife's advice, for whom he had a great respect.

Another of my grandfather's sisters married Mr. Bunney,¹³ of Temple . . . physician. My uncle Henry and aunt Mary lived with Mr. Bunney a considerable time, and my uncle Henry acquired his skill in physic with them, and after Mr. Bunney's death he practised with great success in Halifax. Mr. Bunney died without children. My uncle Henry and aunt Mary did assist their aunt Bunney whilst she lived, and, when she died, she made them joint executors. I have seen very fine things of brass, pewter, and linen, which my aunt Mary (who died with my mother) said was her aunt Bunney's, and my aunt left them to be divided betwixt my sister and me ; but my mother persuaded me to quit my right to my sister for 5*l.*, which I did, so those things are with cousin Elizabeth Stansfield, or amongst the Niccolsons.

Another of the Priestleys, a daughter, was married to one Horsefield, of Mansee Hall, near Kildwick, of whom I can give no particular account, but I was once at Mansee Hall very kindly entertained, and Henry Horsefield did challenge relation to me, saying he did spring from a Priestley of one side. This is all I can say of my great grandfather's children, except my grandfather Thomas, who was the only son of his father that lived to be married, so far as I know.

¹² Mr. Nathaniel Rathband, A.M., was minister at Sowerby from 1625 to 1645.—*Note in MS.*

¹³ There may have been a double connexion between the two families. Jane Priestley m. Francis Bunney, rector of Ryton and archdeacon of Northumberland, who in his Will [d. 1617] mentions his wife Jane, his wife's niece Mary Priestley, his niece Priscilla Bunney, and Joseph Priestley her brother.

Thomas, my grandfather, was twice married. His first wife I do not know of what family she was, but by her he had four children, Joseph, my father, John, Anthony, and Mary. John was sent to London, as I have heard; I suppose served his apprenticeship there and did set up his trade, but either was not married, or else had no children. My father was his executor, but, having some unhappy suit or suits about his estates made the executorship worth nothing to him. Anthony was bred up to the law, and lived at Cawood, on this side York, and died there, having no children. Mary was never married; lived with my fathor, and after his death with my mother, till she died herself, very aged.

I shall prætermit saying anything of Joseph, my father, till I have said something of my grandfather's children by his second wife, whose name was Ann Hirst, of Greetland. She was, as I have heard, a very laborious woman: by hor my grandfather had five children, Francis, Jonathan, Timothy, Henry, and Grace, all living to a great age. Though he had these children to bring up, yet he gave them good education and a competent measure of learning. He built a good house upon his land at Goodgreave; besides he had the Priestley Ing in Turvin, which it's probable was broken up and planted by some one of our ancestors, bearing their name. There is a good large house upon it, and two good barns, a great deal of land, some of it good, and good wood below the house down to the water, where was, and I believe is, good timber. My grandfather died; left Goodgreave to my father, his eldest son by his first wife, and Priestley Ing to Francis,¹⁴ the eldest son by his second wife, Goodgreave being 25*l.* per annum, and Priestley Ing 15*l.*, and gave portions in money to his younger children.

Francis was a very eager, indefatigable reader of books, both divinity, law, and history, but especially divinity, having very good natural parts and capacity, whereby he became a person of great knowledge and understanding as any that ever I was acquainted with; but that which was best of all, he was a pious, religious, and conscientious Christian, both in his duty towards God and man, very humble, and very much master over his own passions; had an excellent gift and faculty for discourse and

¹⁴ He was M.P. for Halifax in 1648.

argument. He married Sibyl, widow first of Joshua Witton (father in law to Mr. Witton, parson of Thornhill, father to Richard Witton, Esq., of Wakefield, councillor at law). After the death of Joshua Witton, this Sibyl married one Michael Whitely, by whom she had Joseph and Mary Whitely, and, after the death of Michael Whitely, this Sibyl married my uncle Francis Priestley, by whom he had no children. He lived, after he was married, at Bentleyroyde, in Sowerby, where Sibyl his wife lived when he married her, and did let Priestley Ing to . . . He was a good useful man in the town; no town's business of moment was done without his advice and assistance; no man in the town so frequently called on as he to arbitrate differences; was a good liver, a fast friend to godly ministers. I do not know a family comparable to it ever since for piety and religious exercises. My aunt Sybil's man-servants and maid-servants, and one Richard Moore, a tabler that lived and died with them, were all of them eminent good Christians. In his old age he and my aunt gave up housekeeping, and came and lived with my brother Thomas at Holdsworth, who married Mary, daughter to my aunt Sybil, by Michael Whitely, her second husband. They both died at Holdsworth, in a good old age.

I remember after my uncle Francis gave up housekeeping, he gave me a visit at Priestley Green, and heard Mr. Heywood preach. He did not relish something delivered, either as to the matter or the manner, but I told him I thought he was a good man, &c. He answered me he thought no less; "but," says he, "Cousin, when good meat is prepared, one would have it well cooked, not spoiled in the dressing." He was a lover of good men and good ministers, who had always kind entertainment at his house. He was a most diligent and affectionate hearer of the Word, ordinarily with tears in his eyes; of a public spirit. Some time before his death, he told me, "Cousin, I will be my own executor, because you are not only a kinsman but a lover of good men and good ministers, I give you this thirty pounds;" which he delivered me in a purse with his own hands.

I was present one time at Holdsworth when he had a dispute with his son in law, Mr. Witton,¹⁸ parson of Thornhill, about

¹⁸ Joshua Witton, born in 1618, was at Cambridge, and entered Holy Orders. He was chaplain to Ferdinand Lord Fairfax, who made him rector of Thornhill, but he refused to conform at the Restoration, and retired to York, where he

tithes. My uncle maintained that it was more agreeable to the state of the church, under the Gospel, for ministers to be maintained by the contributions and benevolences of the people than by tithes. Mr. Witton, having a good parsonage, argued with all his strength to the contrary, who was as quick a man and of as good parts and learning as any I then or do know now. I do not determine who was in the right, but Mr. Witton was so plunched, he did throw his hat upon the table, and said, "I profess, father, I had rather thresh a whole day than maintain an argument with you an hour."

Mr. Wilkinson, of Illingworth, was a tabler with my brother at the same time when my uncle was there. He was newly begun to preach ; he has often told me when he was at a loss, and could not proceed in the study of his sermon, he went down to discourse with my uncle, and proposed questions to him about what he would have been resolved in, and he would have satisfied him presently, and would acknowledge he was a great help to him in his studies.

My aunt Sybil, his wife, died at Holdsworth, a very pious, religious woman. Not long after, the infirmities of old age growing upon my uncle, he fell to being very weak and ill. It was my lot, as he desired, to be with him the same night he died, who was sensible to his last breath. He greatly lamented the Black Bartholomew Day (as he called it), upon which 2000 godly ministers were silenced, which he feared would be a great inlet to impiety and irreligion, so it proved. Another and I that watched with him shifted him several times betwixt his bed and his chair. The last time he was shifted, finding his end approaching, he said, "Good cousin, help me to my chair." Holding him up in his arms, he took solemn leave of me in these words, "The God of peace be with you, and I beseech you live in peace

passed the rest of his life. Calamy says : "He was a man of an excellent temper, of great integrity, and unusual capacity, a good scholar, and blessed with a plentiful estate." He died on June 1st, 1674, leaving by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Tempest Thornton, esq., a son, Richard Witton, a lawyer, who was Lord Fairfax's agent.

In 1661, when the Parliament granted to Lord Fairfax the seignory of the Isle of Man, he appointed the Rev. Joshua Witton to be one of his commissioners to settle the affairs of the island. Lord Fairfax also appointed him in his will, 1667, one of four clergymen who were to nominate to his executor twenty poor ministers to share in the legacy of 100*l.* thereby bequeathed.—*Markham's Life of Lord Fairfax*, pp. 364, 442.

one with another ;" and fell upon praying ; and presently departed, calling upon God, without any struggling, only gave a little chuck with his head, just as a child when it hiccups. So his precious soul departed to his dear Saviour, where he longed to be. He was about 74 or 75 years of age (it may be known more exactly in the register at Halifax). He was interred in the church, towards the upper end of the south ally.

My grandfather's next son, by his second wife, was Jonathan, who lived and died a bachelor, and was a tabler with my father and mother in her widowhood near upon forty years. He was a godly, eminent Christian, that feared God above many. He had a good report of all men, and of the truth itself. He hated those friends and circumventing practices that some of our later professors, I doubt, are too much guilty of. He durst not defraud or go beyond his brother in anything ; he was a very pattern of the primitive and godly simplicity practised by the best Christians in old time that is grown so rare in our days. He was a faithful monitor to all his friends or relatives ; in all things wherein they did amiss he would not fail in that, whatever was the effect, or however it might be taken, as I could, if it was fit, give a particular instance of my own knowledge, and of the good success of his faithfulness in this. He was instead of a husband to my good mother in her widowhood, instead of a father to her children, by his prayers and wise counsels. In all her afflictions he was afflicted ; when we were forced to fly into Lancashire, my mother and all her children, he went along with us, when our house at Goodgreave was ransacked and plundered, over and over again, in the time of the Civil Wars, and never left the family 'till the day of his death ; he constantly prayed in the family, in my father's absence, and continually after his death. I never heard worse word betwixt my mother and him than 'Brother' and 'Sister,' nor I think any body else, for all those many years they lived together. I was much indebted to him for my education, as well as to my good mother. I learned with a very pious, religious schoolmaster, who spent most of the Thursdays, in the afternoon, in catechising his children ; he would always ask me that night what questions my master Jowet had asked me, and the other scholars, that was not contained in the printed catechism, and how I answered. He constantly heard Mr. Rathband's ministry at Sowerby, and took me along with

him as soon as I was able to go, and as we came home examined me what I had learned, and what I could remember, and asked me how I understood such and such things, and would open them to me in words suitable to my understanding :—but I must not enlarge as I might.

After my brother Joseph was married, my mother went to her own house in Mixenden, yet still my uncle Jonathan stayed in the family with my brother, it may be eight or nine years before his death, 'till after I was married. I cannot say what distemper brought him to his end but old age and decay of nature. He was one of the most temperate men for eating and drinking in the world. He made his Will, and made me his executor ; he told me he was sorry he could leave me no more, which he could not but displease his friends, with whom he desired to die in peace, and added, he verily believed what he left his brother Henry's lads, if they arrived to be men, would be gone. I had many a weary journey to see him, for six weeks or two months together, maybe twice a week, from Priestley Green to Goodgreave, and be sure I must watch all night with him, especially near his end. He often said he repented exceedingly that he came not to my house when he began to be not well ; he longed earnestly to be with his dear Saviour ; would say to me, " Cousin, what think you, it cannot be long, another night will do much towards bringing me home ;" but he was very patient. Having a family, I could not be constantly with him. He departed this life, and resigned his soul to God in my absence. He was interred at Halifax, before his brother Francis, who now lay very near one another, towards the upper end of the south alley in Halifax church. He was, I believe, 70 years of age ; how much I cannot tell.

His brother Timothy would never receive his portion left him by my grandfather, but ordered my uncle Jonathan to receive it, and bid him to trade with it, and, if he got anything, in case Timothy outlived him, he was to leave him one half of his estate : and if lost all, he said he could work for his living. But though they had scarce 100*l.* both of them, my uncle did improve that little stock to near 700*l.* The one half was set out by me to my uncle Timothy, to his content, within two months after my uncle Jonathan's death, and within the compass of that time I paid all the legacies but 80*l.* of which I could not be discharged 'till

John Priestley, of York, and Joseph his brother, came¹⁶ to age, who were both my brother Joseph's children whom I put apprentice, John to Mr. Lister, grocer, of York, and the younger son, Joseph,¹⁷ to Mr. Kitchingman, according to the charge my uncle gave me concerning them, to place them in honest families, and such trades as I thought fit.

Timothy was the next brother, of a meaner capacity than any of my grandfather's children, though he was capable enough of any business he had a mind to employ himself in, which was principally in keeping of sheep. He had sheep kept to pasture in Rishworth, at Lighthazles, in Lancashire, at Wolstain, Turvin, and divers other places, and beehives; would go two or three days to seek a lost sheep. At other times he would work hard, would never be idle. He dressed the white carsays my uncle Jonathan made, and for others that my brothers bought. He was very harmless and innocent in his conversation. I have heard my uncle Jonathan say, "I am much troubled oftentimes for my brother Timothy; but then I think again God requires no more than He gives." He lived with my mother also above 20 years, upon my knowledge, after my uncle Jonathan's death; growing very old, he went to my aunt Grace Wood, at Edge, near Illingworth, and died at her house about the 74th year of his age; never married. He left his cousin Thomas, the apothecary,¹⁸ 100 pounds, and 100*l.* to his brother Francis, of Priestley Green; my uncle Jonathan the land he lived upon before I came to Winteredge¹⁹; left them either of them as much, these three uncles, and left them as good as 700*l.*, with the Priestley Ing worth 300*l.*

Henry was the next and youngest brother. He was a gen-

¹⁶ N.B.—This Joseph was grandfather to the present John Priestley, of White Windows [who transcribed this manuscript, *Æt. 61*], anno 1779. If he was 16 years old this must be in the year 1666, he was born in 1650. I have heard him say he had a hard apprenticeship; when he came home from Leeds or Wakefield, and had driven packs, he might have had nothing but a mess of broth, or cold milk and bread, and he was a tender youth.—*Note by copyist of MS.*

¹⁷ Interlined in a different hand.

¹⁸ Mr. Tho. Priestley, Apoth., buried March 8 (1601-2), aged 86.—*Heywood's Register*, p. 80.

¹⁹ For an account of Winter-edge, see "Watson's Halifax," 285-6.

teel, personable man, of very good parts, and could speak and discourse admirable well ; was educated with his uncle Bunney that married his aunt, a very good physician, with whom he got his skill in physic, which he practised with good success and reputation all his life after. He was very frugal and provident ; got a pretty estate ; bought Priestley Green of Mr. Sunderland at same time uncle Jonathan bought the other farm near by, the first house I lived in after I was married. He might have matched into as good families as most in the country, and yet he was the strangliest enchanted and infatuated in his first marriage that I think ever any wise man was. He married a woman of ill extraction, with whom he had neither portion nor good qualities, a very profane, ignorant woman. All the counsels and projects of his friends could avail nothing to prevent it, though they were not awanting in using their utmost diligence to that end ; but he married her privately, had three children by her, I think all sons, one he called Daniel ; they all died young, and the mother died also in a short time, so that in four or five years he was a single man again, and did somewhat retrieve his reputation by his second marriage to Ann Dean, widow, and niece to Isabel Denton, a rich chandler of Halifax. This Isabel Denton was well pleased with her kinswoman marrying my uncle ; lived till Thomas and Francis was born ; made her Will, and left an estate in housing and land better than 50*l.* per annum, and a great deal of money, to John, my aunt Dean's son by her first husband, and, in case he died without heir, to Thomas and Francis, sons of Henry Priestley. John died, and his wife and his son, all in a short time ; so all Isabel Denton's estate fell to my uncle Henry's two sons in their minority.

My uncle Henry died much younger than any of my grandfather's children ; I think he did not live much above 50. He went to Wakefield to meet one Mr. Bunney, some relation to his uncle Bunney ; I was in Wakefield that day ; he sent for me to have my company homeward ; we came together unto Lightcliffe ; he complained he was not well, and thought he had some harm by some sour drink he had drunk that day ; he had a very bad night ; in the morning, as my aunt told me, he put his own water in the urinal, and after it had stood awhile looked upon it, and presently threw the glass from him on the bed, and said he was a dead man, or a gone man.

I waited upon him the day before he died, and I and uncle Timothy watched all night with him, helping him betwixt two beds, as he had a mind, several times, and had occasion for all our strength, he being a corpulent man, but the last time we shifted him he said he would go himself; I said, "Uncle, you cannot;" but the pains of death being upon him, he went strongly between the two beds, which he had not been able to do all that night before, and died about an hour and a half after, with great difficulty, being not so weakened with age as his other brothers; though he was the youngest, yet he died the first.

I remember my uncle Francis came to visit him the day before he died. I was present. "Brother," says he, "how doth God manifest himself to you?" He answerod, "I am afraid God is angry with me." My uncle spoke very well to him, yet notwithstanding, his fear continued a great part of the night, as he expressed to me; yet many gracious expressions fell from his mouth before his departure. He maintained the worship of God; though he was of a cheerful, yet he was of a sober conversation, so far as I could ever discern, and was not the first good man that hath gone to heaven in a cloud.

His first marriage was a blemish to his other parts, yet I am persuaded he was deeply sensible of that and his other miscarriages and faults, and humbled for them before he was surprised with his last sickness; and there is nothing but final impenitence and unbelief that can shut the gates of heaven against us, that I know of.

His death was a great loss to his two sons that he left very young; they was in a manner, if not altogether, left to the bent of their own wills, from their very infancy and childhood. Thomas, the elder, was put an apprentice to Matthew Widdop; married to his first wife the daughter of Mr. Lister, of Shibden Hall; she died in a short time, without issue. He married to his second wife a daughter of Mr. Green's, of Hightown, Alice. Long Liversedge came by her; he had only one daughter, called Dorothy, and to her he left an estate worth 120*l.* per annum, besides a considerable estate in money. His second wife died about two years after he himself died, leaving only this Dorothy, she, about 15 years

of age, married Mr. Samuel Lister, own brother to her father's first wife.²⁰

Francis, the younger son, married Grace, Mr. Heald's daughter, a minister that died in Ireland, by whom he had, I think, six children, Ann, John, Grace, Henry, Mary. He, by ill management, high living, and extravagant ways, wasted an estate worth 60*l.* per annum, and near 1000*l.* in money, left him by his father and three uncles, and my aunt Grace Wood, in about 26 years. He died a young man; left his estate to Mr. Abraham Iangleay and Mr. John Hargreaves, senior, to be sold to pay his debts; and, to complete the undoing of his family, married a woman of a poor family, that had nothing, by whom he had one daughter left behind. He died at Priestley Green. He did much what in his second marriage as his father did in his first. Children are more apt to imitate or follow their parents in their failings or vices than in their graces and virtues.

Grace was the youngest child and only daughter my grandfather had by his second wife. She was married to Joseph Wood, a while after our Civil Wars ended. Being well-stricken in years, they never had any children, though they lived many years together. He was a very provident man, of a quiet and peaceable temper; would seldom or never do anything but by the consent of his wife. He died of a palsy, in a good old age. My aunt kept house, living many years a widow. Her husband left her 10*l.* a year, the Edge and cottages belonging to it, and also a good stock in money and goods. She was a woman of good understanding, and by her frugal way of living did greatly improve and increase her estate. Some people would accuse her of covetousness, but I never knew her get anything by wrong or prejudice to anybody. She lent a great deal of money, but I never knew she had above 12*d.* p. £ of anybody. Her friends had kind and good entertainments at her house when they went to visit her; she would have lent money to poor people who sometimes never paid her agen; served poor people who came

* Married May 16th, 1695. He died in 1702, and she re-married at Coley, Nov. 16th, 1703, Richard Storne, Esq., of Woodhouse. Her Prayer Book is in the possession of the family of Carroll, of Thorparch, and has in it the following inscription: "The gift of Thomas Priestley to his daughter, Dorothy Priestley, January ye 1st, 1688."

to her door. I kept the account of her bonds, writ her a catalogue when they became due; a little before her death she sent for me to set her accounts right, and desired me to cast up what her bonds would amount to; as I remember, the whole was about 960*l.*; "What," says she, "will it not be 1000*l.*?" I am sure her cattle and household goods would have made it above 1000*l.* All this she left to be divided betwixt Thomas and Francis, sons of her brother Henry Priestley, besides 10*l.* a year in land, paying out some small legacies, 20*l.* to me, and as much to my brother Thomas, which was more than all the legacies she left besides: that, with accounting the land, I am certain they had either of them far above 500*l.*, all legacies and bad debts deducted. Presently after this last time she sent for me to make up her account, she fell very ill of her last sickness, and died.

One passage I shall relate. I going over to visit her, she said she longed to see me before I came, bade her maid suffer nobody to come in till I came out; "Cousin," saith she, "I am going to die, and one thing troubles me exceedingly, that I have had a family so many years, and never in that time once prayed with my poor family," and she wept most bitterly, "but," says she, "always retired to this room to private secret prayer:" that she was constant in, she said, and I did know she always caused a Chapter to be read, and a Psalm to be sung every night, but no prayers, unless some of her brothers, or I, or some man came whom she knew would do it, and then she would be sure to ask them. "Cousin, what think you of my case and condition," said she, "for I have not done my duty?" I said, "Aunt, I hope if God would spare your life, and restore you to "health, you would do it;" "Yes," said she, "through God's "assistance, but," said she, "I must die, and am persuaded must "not recover; good cousin," said she, "go to prayers with me "now," which I did, according to my ability. I believe she had been reflecting seriously upon her own heart and life, and I cannot but have charitable thoughts, and that she was a vessel of mercy. She did too much idolize her brother Henry, and because his children was of the whole blood, she thought they had the best right to her estate. She died the last, and lived the longest, of any of my grandfather's children. I believe she lived

to near 80 years.²¹ Henry died youngest; none else but lived to above 70, but I cannot be exact in their age.

I shall add one thing more concerning my aunt Grace. I knew several servants, man-servants, and maid-servants, and apprentices, that could not read a word, nor perhaps know a letter, when they came to her, and she taught them to read very distinctly. She was as industrious in that, and as successful in it, as ever I knew. She had many good books, and read much herself. She was well instructed from a child. Oh! what a great blessing is religious education; it is like cloth dyed in the wool, that gives a deeper tincture, and retains it longer than impressions made in elder age; it breeds in children a conscience of sin and duty betime, and doth prepare their minds for a more easily profiting in the public preaching of the word. Few men hath a greater blessing in their posterity than my grandfather Priestley had. I think Mr. Baxter hath a saying in some of his writings, that the church is more beholdon to praying persons and families for good Christians and eminent profitable preachers than to all the world besides. I am sure his posterity I have been mentioning were faithful trees where they were planted, and great blessings in their generation.

Now I shall speak something of my own father, who was the oldest son of my grandfather by his first wife. I have reserved what I have to say concerning him to the last, because he had the most children, and his branches have spread the farthest. His name was Joseph, and he was a fruitful bough (Genesis 49, verse 22), God gave him the blessings of the highest and of the womb. He had ten children by my mother. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Booth, of Mixenden, who had a great estate both in money and land, and had only two daughters, Elizabeth my mother, and Mary the younger daughter. Mary was married to Michael Whiteley, of Wheatley, who died and left no children but one that died young. This John Booth, my grandfather by my mother's side, was a very eminent Christian, one of the holiest of that time and age in which he lived. My master, James Jowet, in his younger years, taught school near Illingworth, afterwards, in his old age, near Rippenden, with

" Heywood says she was "aged 74." "Grace Wood, of Edg-end by Illingworth, buried March 28, 1688. She left 900*l.* in Bonds, Bills, &c., to Tho. and Fra. Priestley, except Legucys." — *Oulx Register*, ed. J. H. Turner, p. 68.

whom I got that little learning I have. He would often wish I might be as good a man as my grandfather Booth. He was uncle to Mr. Robert Booth, that holy man of God that was so long a time preacher at Sowerby bridge, and afterwards at Halifax. He had his education with my grandfather Booth, and lived with him some time after he came from the University.

I shall relate a short story concerning my grandfather Booth. In Dr. Favour's time, he being vicar of Halifax, there came a wandering clergyman to the doctor who wanted a place. Illingworth being then destitute, he sent him thither to preach, and would have the people to receive him as their minister. My grandfather sent to the doctor to desire him to give them leave to make a choice of one themselves; when he would not be persuaded, he spoke to the doctor after this manner: "Sir, I charge you here, in the presence of God, as you will answer it in the day of judgment, for those souls at Illingworth that may perish eternally for want of a godly minister, and the faithful preaching of the word amongst us, that you do not impose this man upon us." At which words the good Dr. Favour did desist, and said they should have their own choice of a minister. I have heard my uncle Francis say that Dr. Favour said he never met with such a man as that John Booth in all his life; but I shall endeavour not to enlarge, but to contract what I have to say.

Joseph, my father, was no way inferior to any of his brethren in the gifts either of his body or his mind. He was well known to be an eminent Christian; he was of a cheerful conversation, and of a great acquaintance; his kind heart brought him into snares; I have heard my mother say he was bound for 140*l.* for one man, and paid it all, and had nothing for it but a rug and brewing-pan. He was bound with one Highlee of Highlee, in Sowerby, for a great sum of money; this man was the richest man in Sowerby, when Sowerby chapel was built, having sixty houses and farms; having bad children he came to poverty; my father had the Highlee made to him for his money, but in the time of the Civil Wars my father died, and old Highlee died; young Highlee re-entered, and my father lost all his money.

My mother had to her portion Mixenden, where my grandfather lived, 41*l.* a year; it was let at for many years, and Hold-

worth 20*l.* a year, and a farm called Wrigley, and another farm in Bradshaw called Scoalcrofts. My mother's portion in money and land was better than 1000*l.*

As I have said, my father had ten children. He used to say he was like Job in his children, he had seven sons and three daughters,—John, Joseph, Thomas, Samuel, Timothy, Benjamin, Jonathan; two daughters died in infancy; only Mary lived to be married.

My father being the oldest son of my grandfather by his first wife, must needs be much older than any of my uncles that was the children of a second wife. My mother did outlive my father 16 or 17 years; he died in the time of our Civil Wars, when I was about nine years of age, in the year 1643. My father and brothers fled into Lancashire sometime before my mother and her two youngest children. He designed a journey to London, but said he would come and see his Betty before, so he usually called my mother. Coming over Blackstone Edge early in the morning, being a thick mist, and leading his horse down the hill, he fell amongst a troop of horse at the foot of the hill, 'ere he was aware, and was brought prisoner to Halifax. They demanded 80*l.* for his ransom, which he refused to pay, supposing the King's army might shortly be driven out and the town re-taken, as it often happened in those times.

My mother made shift to procure him a bed, and we had an apprentice, one John Walker, a good age, but next in stature to a dwarf, he would have got by the sentinel at Sowerby bridge and carried my father clean linen and money, and whatever he stood in need of every week. He was prisoner with some others, of like quality, at the corner house in the South-gate, now in the occupation of John Wright, where he had the liberty of two or three chambers. There was one Joseph Briggs, a fellow prisoner, he often said there was scarce such a man in the world as Joseph Priestley; he said they had been almost dead but for him, he was so hearty and cheerful, and lived so much above his troubles, and did so much comfort them, and especially by his prayers, who, he said, prayed and read the Scriptures, morning and evening, with his fellow prisoners, to their great delight, though he said the Cavaliers would call them Puritans and Roundheads.

The streets being filled with straw and dung, and my father, being a strong active man, not uscd to confinement, fell sick,

and by friends prevailed on the governor, Sir Francis Mackworth, to be removed to the house of John Brearcliffe, though John Brearcliffe himself was in Lancashire, where he met with his wife Dorothy in the time of his banishment.

My father had the liberty of the house, attended by his own servant, and a neighbour woman to us at Goodgreave. In a few days it pleased God to take him to Himself. He was interred behind the font in Halifax church, as decently as was possible for a man in his circumstances, and as the calamity of those times would permit. So God delivered him from all his troubles.

I can remember him; he was of a middle stature, of a clear complexion, some light-coloured hair short-curled about his ears, but bare from his forehead to his crown, straight limbs, and walked very fast.

His death did much endanger my mother's life, but God making way shortly after for our return from exile was some reviving to her. It could not be but my father was several years above 60. He lived to see his eldest son married, who was not married till 30 years old; myself, who was the youngest of 10 children, to be near 9 years of age.

My father's first born was a daughter, died young in infancy. John was the oldest son. After he was taken from school, and a good hand of writing and well taught in arithmetic, he was put an apprentice to John Mitchell, being partner with Robert Hall; they did keep a factor in Blackwell Hall, in London.²² After my brother had been some time employed in business in the country, his master found him so ingenious and capable of business, he sent him to London, to Mr. Joseph Fourness, who was their factor in Blackwell Hall at that time. After Mr. Fourness had given him an induction into business, and saw him fit to manage the trade there, he came down into the country, and was admitted by John Mitchell and Robert Hall a partner in the trade.

My brother John carried on the trade at London, to the great satisfaction and advantage of the three partners. John Mitchell died, and left only two daughters, Mary and Hannah; he left either of them 800*l.* to their portions, and gave charge on his death-bed to his daughter Hannah to marry no other but John

²² The site of Blackwell Hall, once the head quarters of the ancient woollen cloth trade of London in former days, is now covered by the City Library.

Priestley. Mr. Joseph Fourness married Ephon, widow of John Mitchel; and some time after, Hannah Mitchel, according to her father's mind and will, was married to my brother John, at Halifax, and presently returned to London, and lived several years in Basinghall street, and had four sons, three of them died before five years of age. He was a member of Mr. Siuneon Ash's²² Society, and lived under his ministry for some years in London. He lived in the time of the Civil Wars, and after, I suppose, about 20 years in all.

He was discreet and temperate; physicians judged he was in a consumption 8 or 9 years before he died, and that it was temperance that was a great means to preserve his life; yet went about business, as I remember, within three or four months before he died.

When he felt his strength fail, that he was not able to attend in the Hall and upon the Exchange, he took coach and came down to his own house in Booth Town, now in the occupation of widow Longbottom, and I think about two months after resigned his soul into the hands of his dear Saviour, and that willingly. He did not desire to be turned back into the world: I heard him say he had enough of this world, and did not desire to stay any longer in it, though he was not above 40 when he died; but he had chosen the better part, and was prepared for a better place. He was a man of approved piety in his family and whole conversation; his death was much lamented both in city and country.

I went to see him a little before his death, when he was scarce able to speak. He said one word to me which I shall never forget, and was of great use to me. "Oh! my brother," said he, "fear God and serve Him, or you are undone for ever." He spoke it with such an air, and in such a manner, that I believe I have thought of it some more than an hundred times with tears in my eyes.

We had a great acquaintance in London; I was there about three months after his death; I never heard anybody mention him but with a note of honour and respect. He was a great help to his two younger brothers, Joseph and Thomas; bought much cloth of them, and rid into Kent and the country to buy wool for them, whereby they had a very good trade.

²² A well-known Puritan minister in London. He died in 1682.

Whilst he lived I have heard say that he would have said to my brother Thomas, "Tom, thy covetousness will be thy undoing." He designed to have had me to London if his death had not prevented it. My uncle Jonathan and my master Jowet solicited my mother to keep me at school, and send me to the University; my uncle promised kindly to maintain me there, but my brother John interposed, and would no way but I must be an assistant to him, and would take care of my preferment; but his death was a death to my hopes of living at London, though I would have gone to a trade there after my brother's death, but my mother would not hear of it nor consent to it. Man may purpose, but God disposeth as He seeth good. Though my brother had a son to leave his estate to, yet he left me 10*l.*, which my sister Hannah paid me very kindly after my brother's death, which was the best stock I had to begin the world with.

He left his son wholly to the care of his mother, and left him in land, I think, about 50*l.* per annum, and, as it was thought, 1500*l.* in personal estate. His mother, viz^t my brother's wife, was accounted a great wit as most of her sex, so anybody would have thought to have heard her discourse. But she acted foolishly; all her husband's friends advised her to put her son into his father's place and employment, or some other good trade in London, but would not be persuaded, but sent him to Lincoln's Inn, and there he fell into bad company with John Thorp and others, and so he spent several hundred pounds to no purpose, and never made any improvement in his learning.

He came into the country, and married one Jane Rawson, of Shipley, heiress to a good estate. He had one child by her, but it died young. He forced himself, contrary to his natural temper, to drink at the rate of his debauched companions, and died a young man. His land at Mixenden, that was my grandfather Booth's, and his land and miln at Wheatley, he left to be sold, either to pay his debt, or to Jane his wife.

A little before his death his mother concluded he was a dying man, goeth over to Goodgreave to my brother Joseph, and told him he had some writings belonging to her, and desired him to let her have them. He, being a kind man, let her pick out all the writings that did entitle him to my brother John's estate, and cut off the entail in court, and persuaded her son to leave Booth

Town, the finest seat he had, to his half sister that my brother's widow had with John Briggs her second husband.

Booth Town, of right, belonged to cousin John Priestley, of York ; for I have often heard that my brother John would say " If my son die, brother Joseph, thou art my heir." Nothing did well with my sister Briggs after she had done this act ; she died not long after her son. Elizabeth Briggs, her daughter, whether she doubted her title or no I cannot tell, but presently sold Booth Town to Mr. Abraham Hall for 400*l.*, and afterwards married Dr. Crowber,²⁴ a non-juring parson is now. She is dead ; notwithstanding, I doubt not but my brother John hath a posterity to praise God with him in heaven, three sons that died before him.

My next brother was Joseph.²⁵ He always continued with my father whilst he lived, and with my mother till after he was married. He married Hester, daughter of John Briggs, of Grindlestone Bank, in Ovenden, in his time one of the principal men of the town. By her he had six children, if no more, viz., John, Joseph, Hannah, Sarah, Israel, and Timothy : the two daughters died about 6 or 7 years of age. Israel and Timothy died both of them in 24 hours ; both buried in one grave in Halifax churchyard ; very desirable children. He had only two sons that lived to be married ; John, the elder, now a grocer in York, married Sarah, daughter of John Lister, grocer, of Upper Brear ; to his second wife, Grace, daughter of Mr. Middlebrough,²⁶ of Wither, near Keestal Bridge, now living, a good, discreet woman.

Joseph, the younger, married Mary, daughter of William Morrell, of Beckfoot, in the parish of Bingley. Joseph, my brother, was my mother's darling ; he could have anything from my mother ; I have heard my uncle Jonathan say to her, " Sister,

²⁴ This must be Samuel Crowbrough, D.D., archdeacon of Nottingham, who gave up his preferment in 1690, rather than take the oaths.

²⁵ Joseph, grandfather to the present John Priestley, anno 1779, of White-windows, was married to Mary, daughter of William Morrell, of Beckfoot, Feb. 1st, 1674-5. William Morrell had 3 other daughters, viz., Isabel, married to John Dickson, of Sowerby ; Sarah, to Isaac Taylor, of Bradford ; and another to John Holdsworth, of Beckfoot, near Bingley.—*Note by John Priestley, the copyist of the MS., 1779.*

²⁶ In his will, John Priestley mentions his daughter Grace having had 25*l.* given her by her grandmother Grace Middlebrooke.

I wonder what you mean; if you had a rick and a mill you would give it all to your son Joseph; I think you should reserve some for your younger children." She would say, "Alas, brother, you know if one have one child sickly in the family, one is more tender of it than of all the rest that are well." He did not mind his trade; he had more mind of husbandry; he was too apt to be drawn by bad company, being, as I said, of an easy temper (some call it a good nature), but not to intemperance, that I know of. He had a mind to have the things about the house neat and in good order. He was born, bred, and died at Goodgreave²⁷; I think he died in the same room where he was born, and lived to full 70 years of age, in considerable health. Whosoever knew him, he was much like my mother in person. He had one half of my mother's land in Houldsworth, which he sold to my brother Thomas for 160*l.*; he had a small farm in Stainland that he left to his son John.

Thomas was the next son of my father; he was very painful and industrious; bent his mind much to trade; bought cloth; travelled to London with 8 or 9 horses all the time of the Civil Wars; sometimes he and others that was with him hired convoys, and sometimes went without, and were never taken, he or his horses or goods, all that dangerous time. My brother John lived in London; would have come down to Northampton or Harbrough to meet carriers; asked them what goods they had, and what marks, and what price, and would buy 20 or 30 packs and never see a piece, but entered them in his book, and they brought them to the hall and had their money paid down. I have heard my brother Thomas say he spent 20*l.* every journey, and got 20*l.* clear every journey; he got 400*l.* in those times. After the war was over, he married Mary, daughter of Michael Whiteley, that he had by Sybil, that was afterwards married to my uncle Francis. Joseph Whiteley, her brother, a lieutenant in the Parliament army, died of his wounds at Selby. He was brother to Mary, wife to my brother Thomas. Her portion was as good as 610*l.*, and my uncle Francis told me, a little before his death, that he being related to my brother Thomas on both sides, they thought all was their's. "Cousin," said he, "I have been as good to your brother and his children as 400*l.*, and when I am

" Buried, 1689, "Joseph Priestley, of Goodgreaves, above Sowerby, buried Dec. 26, aged 72."—*Hoywood's Register*, p. 76.

"dead all will be worth nothing ;" so that I can demonstrate by his wife, her mother, and my uncle Francis, he had far above 1000*l.* He had seven sons, viz.; Joseph, Benjamin, Jeremiah, Ely, Jonathan, John, and Thomas; would think a very promising offspring. I need not say much of his posterity, being so well known to them that are alive. He gave to Joseph, his eldest son, all his land at Westercroft, which cost him 680*l.*; this son, by ill management, foolishly and prodigally wasted and consumed all. It's true his wife enjoys part of it, worth 10*l.* a year, but there is more money owing, if his debts were paid, than the land will give. He went into Ireland, and was slain near King William, at the battle of the Boyne.

Benjamin was put apprentices to one Boys, of Leeds; his master set him in Blackwell Hall; he continued there some time after he had served his time, till he had got cloth of his master's worth 300*l.*, paying bills for his master; his master broke, he having accepted more bills than he had effects to answer; went beyond sea, and died in Maryland. Jeremiah, the next son, was brought up at Cambridge; cost his father 300*l.*; presently after, he got a fellowship, and died at Cambridge.²⁸ Ely, I hope a well-disposed youth, died of a running ague at his father's house in Holdsworth. Jonathan went with his brother Joseph with the King, and, though he was alive after the battle, hath not been heard on for many years. Johnny, the next, was put an apprentice to a merchant in London; I hope a good man; is married and hath several daughters, but no son living as yet; he has been a dutiful son to his parents; had the least part of his father's estate, and did the best everyway. Thomas, the youngest, was very hopeful, and a great help to his father in his old age. His father left him his whole estate, 40*l.* a year, and made him solo executor. This Thomas, after his father's death, married Elizabeth Kitchingman²⁹; he died shortly, intestate, his wife with

²⁸ "Jeremiah Priestley, 8d son of Thomas Priestley, gentleman, was born at Holdsworth de Ovenden, in the County of York; educated for six years in the public school of Halifax, till at the age of 17 he was admitted a pensioner at this college (Sidney Sussex) on the 16th April, 1670. B.A. 15 Jan., 1673; M.A. and Hart Fellow, Jan., 1678."—Ex inform. Rev. Dr. Phelps, Master Sid. Coll. Camb.

²⁹ Thomas Priestley, of Holdsworth, 7th son of Thomas Priestley (only John left), dyed at one a clock, Sept. 17, bur. at Halifax, Sept. 19, 1695, an hopefull

child, which was born after his death, and died presently.²⁰ Having no issue, the whole estate descended upon two daughters, the children of Joseph, the eldest son, quite contrary to the father's intention. So that branch of the family is extinct, as to any male issue, and the land in Holdsworth that came by my mother, and that my brother bestowed so much pains and care about, is likely to be alienated both from the name and the family.

I told my brother Thomas, once upon an occasion, he had a good portion and inherited his mother's land ; he said he was not beholding to his mother for it, she could not deprive him of it ; but God has deprived both him and his of it. Let children beware of being ungrateful to their parents. He was a man so devoted to his own interest, he mattered no relation that stood in the way of it ; would have his own will, if it was possible, whatever it cost him. My uncle Francis told him, a little before his death, what an unconscionable man he was ; "Pray," says he, "take your brother's advice ;" but it was far from him to think he stood in need of any advice from me. I could write more concerning him than is convenient for me. I lived apprentice six years in his family, according to agreement, and five years a tabler in his house at Holdsworth. He was interred at Halifax, Wednesday after Shrovetide, anno 1692. I went to visit him in his sickness ; the last time I went to see him, a little before his death, there was nobody in the room but he and I ; he called me unto him and took fast hold of my hand, "Brother," says he, "If there be any difference betwixt you and me, let us now forgive one another," which, God knows, I was full willing to do, and did accordingly declare myself to him ; he seemed much affected with what I spoke to him, and held my hand fast in his a considerable time. He and his wife had sued out a fine of the land in Holdsworth to give it to his younger son, because he had

young man of 80 y. of age, left a young wife with child."—*Heywood's Register*, p. 81.

* 8d Oct., 1694. Indenture between Thomas Priestley, of Holdsworth, in the parish of Halifax, co. York, gent., of the one part, and Wm. Kitchingman, of Halifax, merchant, and George Kitchingman, of Ovenden, in the said parish of Halifax, dyer, of the other part. Recites that a marriage was intended to be had between the said Thomas Priestley and Elizabeth Kitchingman, daughter of the said Wm. K. Her fortune 400*l.*—*Orig. deed.*

Married, Tho. Priestley and Elizabeth Kitchingman, Oct. 28, 1694.—*Turner's Northowram Register*, page 48.

left his eldest that which was equivalent at Westercroft, and yet makes his Will and leaves it all to Thomas and his heirs for ever, though his son Thomas was not then married; never makes mention at all, for want of heirs of Thomas, to John and his heirs, who was his best child and had divers children; and now the estate goes from his only son now living (as I have hinted before) to two daughters of his eldest son, which son had in his lifetime been the ruin of the whole family, in a manner, by his extravagant proceedings. My brother projected all the ways he could to keep his land in Holdsworth from his eldest son or his posterity, yet see how the providence of God overrules the purposes and contrivances of men. After Thomas, my father had a daughter that was either still-born or died in a short time after she came into the world.

Samuel was the next son. I can well remember him after he was grown up to 19 or 20 years of age. He was placed with Robert Hall, in Booth Town. Soon after the Civil Wars began betwixt the King and Parliament, insomuch as all trade and business was interrupted and laid aside, Lord Fairfax and Sir Thomas his son, came to Leeds and those parts to list soldiers; my brother Sam went amongst the rest, but he came over to Goodgreave to take his leave of my mother, uncles, and friends. What entreaty and persuasions there was to keep him at home, but could not prevail. My mother went along with him a quarter of a mile, and I with her, as children use to do; she besought him with tears not to go; I remember his words, "Mother," saith he, "Pray be content; if I stay at home I can follow no employment, but be forced to hide myself in one hole or another, which I cannot endure; I had rather venture my life in the field, and, if I die, it is in a good cause;" so most honest men thought in those times, when hundreds of Protestants were daily murdered in Ireland, and fearing the same tragedy would be acted in England; so he went, and was with my Lord Fairfax, about Selby and Tadcaster, till the king's army had overrun Yorkshire, all but Hull.

We being banished into Lancashire, my brother Sam went to keep Heptonstal (to prevent the king's army at Halifax from entering Lancashire), under the command of Colonel Bradshaw, a very wise, valiant, religious commander. I know a man alive at this day say, since I began to write this, he hath heard many

a sweet prayer from his mouth, in the field amongst the soldiers. Captain Helewel and Captain Taylor, of Brighouse, commanded under him. The occasion of my brother Samuel's death was an act of compassion to the enemy. The king's army from Halifax came against the town, and was beaten back, and many slain, and 300 taken prisoners. Brother Sam, in the pursuit, saw a wounded man in the water, ready to be drowned ; being an object of pity, he went into the water in his boots and drew him out to dry land ; he being on guard, or some necessary service, had his wet boots on all night, got cold, came home, and fell, I think, into a fever, and died in about three weeks after. Divers soldiers came from Heptonstal to visit him, some of them unknown to us. I shall not forget how my mother, perceiving his end approaching, kneeled down, and all in the house with her, and most affectionately prayed for him. Immediately after prayer, he departed this life, in the flower of his age, about 22. He was attended to his grave by many friends, then in exile, with the neighbours about us. His body was interred in the church-yard at Rochdale. He was a very portly, desirable young man; curled black hair, and comely. His death was a great affliction to my good mother. He died, I think, in 1642, about one year before my father ; so one trouble after another fell upon my poor mother like the waves of the sea.

I had two brothers more, Timothy and Benjamin, that was hid in the grave before the wars began, that died about 12 or 14 years of age, towardly, and very ingenious, as many children are that die in their minority. I can remember the death of Benjamin, and that is all.

Mary, my sister, was three and a half years elder than myself. A little before my mother's death she married Matthew Nicholson, of Graystones, in Warley, against my mother's mind ; but she gave an unwilling consent to it at last, and made shift to make her up a portion of 100*l.* Her husband died young ; left her with five or six young children ; all that are alive are Joseph and Benjamin, of Warley, and Elizabeth, wife of Josiah Stansfield, of Breck, in Sowerby. My sister died with her elder son Joseph ; she was just exactly of my brother Thomas's temper as could be ; she would scrape together all she could, and part with nothing but against her will. She was buried at Luddenden.

My mother, as I have said, out-lived my father 16 or 17

years, and lived to see six of her children laid in the grave. She died with her daughter Mary (lately married to Matthew Nicholson, of Warley), in or about the year 1659 or 1660; that very year my wife was great with Jonathan my eldest son. She was something inclined to a dropsical distemper and a swelling in her lower parts, a little before her death, but did stir about in the house till a few days before her death, for indeed nature was spent; she was very old; how old I cannot give account. My brother Thomas, hearing she was likely to die, told me I must take care of her funeral, and that she had put 20*l.* in my hand for that; and indeed, when I begun the world, about four years before, she gave me 20*l.*, but not upon that account that I know of; but the last time I went to see her, after she had desired me to pray with her, she called me to her, and told me she had given what she had to make up my sister's portion, "And," said she, "I know not what my son Thomas will do, there is no rent due "to me yet;" but was pleased to say I had been a good child to her, though she had done least for me, and said she chiefly relied upon me to take care of her funeral, which I promised her I would. I think I could have given her the one half of what I had if she had stood in need of it.

In a short time it pleased God to take her to Himself, in a good old age, like a shock of corn in its season, fully ripe. When my mother was dead, I went over to my brother Thomas and told him I was freely willing to be at one half of the charge of my mother's funeral; her death having made some impression on him at that time, he yielded to it, his rent to my mother being near hand due. This I did as willingly as anything in my life, though that 20*l.* was all I had from my parents besides my education, which I have cause to praise God for whilst I have my being. This I say, not out of any discontent with my portion, for I being the youngest, and considering my mother's circumstances, she could not well do otherways than she did.

I do believe few Christians attain to that height of knowledge, and to such a measure of grace in this world as my mother. The wisdom of God foresaw that she had both more to do and suffer than some other good women; so His goodness gave her more faith and more patience. Let it be considered what sorrow the breeding and bearing ten children was; and to see six of them laid in the dust; which was more grief and sorrow to her,

and went worse with her, as she would say, than bringing them into the world. The straits my father was put to must needs trouble her; she could not see him suffer want of anything, but yielded to the selling of Goodgreville, his father's inheritance, and part of her own, but she patiently, by Divine help, went through all; was clothed with humility, and adorned with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. She much resembled Mr. Booth both in nature and grace, being of one blood, having the same education, and brought up with my grandfather Booth. She was of something a timorous temper, though not to that degree that Mr. Booth was. If she had done or said anything amiss, she would take on and lament it grievously, both to God and men, and her Christian friends. If there may be excess in Christian sorrow, she might exceed, for anything I know, to a fault sometimes, about that which some persons would account a very small matter, for she was never guilty of any gross miscarriage in all her life.

I can remember, when I was young, being far from the chapel, and by bad weather being forced to keep the house with my mother, she would read over the 38th Psalm, with tears in her eyes; and the Psalms she would direct my sister and me to get off book was three Psalms, viz., 15st, 38th, and 143rd; and chapters, John 17th, and Romans 8th. We had much rather have gone to the chapel than been in the house on a Lord's Day, we were kept so close to our books.

Prayers and tears were her daily exercise; if I say her daily food, I believe I speak not amiss. She found, I believe, such relief, peace, and comfort therein, that her heart was set upon it, not only morning and evening, but at other times, when all was quiet, and her family affairs would permit. I am confident Monica herself did not send up more prayers to heaven, and pour out more tears for her son, than my good mother did for her children. I can say more from my own knowledge than it may be convenient to relate. And she was diligent and laborious in her particular employment in the family; few servants will take the pains now that she did in hay harvest; I have wondered how she could endure to take the pains both within and without doors.

My Aunt Sybil would tell her she was too indulgent to her children; "Well," she would say, "My children do as well as

the children of others that are more severe used." Indeed, she had a great deal of comfort in my brother John ; he thought nothing too dear for her ; he was frequently sending her one good thing or other from London ; and my brother Joseph too, give him his due, devoted himself to please his mother, and was exceeding kind to us who were the younger children, all the time my mother staid at Goodgreave, till he was married. He had a competent measure of knowledge, and I have heard him well exercised in religious duties. I think the unkind, crabbed behaviour of his wife was one occasion that made him not love his own house so well as he did in my mother's time, who with her and my uncles had lived in so much amity for many years.

What a labyrinth of sorrow and trouble is the life of man ; of good men as well as of others, for all things come alike to all ; but, notwithstanding, there is a vast difference. What a succession of trouble and affliction attended the life of David, but God was with him, and was a refuge to him in time of trouble. Saul also was a man in great distress (1 Samuel, 28). One can scarce read the story without some sentiments of commiseration and pity of his lamentable case ; but see the difference : he could not comfort and encourage himself in the Lord his God. If he enquired of God, He answered him not. He had forsaken God, and God had rejected and forsaken him. He fell all along on the ground, and sunk down in despair, without any relief from heaven and earth. But how often have I heard some of these servants of God, before mentioned, acknowledge that it was good for them that they had been afflicted. Tribulation worketh patience ; patience, experience ; experience, hope. When a good man is able to make a true judgment of himself, and the wise dealing of God with him, he will know that though no affliction for the present is joyous but grievous, that afterwards it bringeth forth the quiet and peaceable fruits of righteousness to those that are exercised therein.

What a great blessing it is to children when parents are both truly godly and religious. As it was the sin of the old world, I think it is that of the present age, that professing Christians, to compass an estate, for the love of the world, do so ordinarily marry their children into profane, irreligious families. I do observe that it is the undoing of posterity, the very bane of religion, and I am persuaded is one great reason of the visible

declining and decay of the power of godliness among us of this generation. How such parents will answer it I know not, that consent to such marriages; those that think it no privilege to be born of such parents in covenant with God, what do they more than profane Esau, that despised his birthright and sold it. I cannot but pity the miserable and lamentable case of those children that are brought into the world by ignorant, profane, irreligious parents, that have neither knowledge nor will to instruct their children in the saving knowledge of God and Jesus Christ; of their lost condition by nature; or how to do anything to the glory of God, or the recovery and salvation of their own immortal souls; but rather teach them to sin with more boldness, or less remorse, or check of conscience; by their wicked examples, may it be, do their endeavour to beget in them a prejudice against all serious godliness.

I was the youngest of ten children, born upon St. Thomas's day, in the year 1633. I was put apprentice to my brother Thomas Priestley, at Houldsworth, by my father and uncle Jonathan, when I was but 14 years of age, and served him, according to their agreement, till I was above twenty.

[Jonathan Priestley, who writ the preceding memoirs of the Priestleys, was born in the year 1633, and died in 1705, aged 72st].

" Dickenson gives the following notice of him :—" Mr. Jonathan Priestley, of Westercroft, died July 27 [1705], aged 71 years and 7 months, a solid Christian of considerable piety and usefulness." (*Turner's Northowram Register*, page 287). He is mentioned, also, occasionally in Oliver Heywood's *Diarie*s, &c.

PART II.

SOME BRIEF MEMOIRS OF THE FAMILY OF THE PRIESTLEYS,
WRITTEN IN 1779 BY NATHANIEL PRIESTLEY, OF NORTH-
OWRAM, THE SON OF JOHN PRIESTLEY, WHO WAS THE SON
OF JONATHAN PRIESTLEY, OF WINTEREDGE, WHO WROTE
THE PRECEDING MEMOIRS.

Nathaniel Priestley was born November 17th, O.S., anno
1699. Died 5th April, 1781.

THIS Mr. Jonathan Priestley,¹ my grandfather, in his said memoirs, gives a very good account of the family, so far as it goes. He treats of his ancestors, his contemporaries, his brothers and sisters, but saith little of himself, and nothing of his children, though they must be married and have children when he writ those memoirs.

What I admire and esteem, there is a spirit of virtue and piety runs through the whole performance.

The old generation of the Priestleys being gone off the stage of this life, all my grandfather's children and all his grandchildren, except myself, are laid in the grave. I being the

¹ This Jonathan was a friend and correspondent of Ralph Thoresby, F.R.S., as appears by four letters dated Winteredge:—Jany. 12, 1707; Oct. 12, 1715; Jany. 30, 1716; April 16, 1716.—*Note in MS.*

Thoresby says:—“My friend Mr. Jonathan Priestley’s MS. additions to Mr. Turner’s ‘History of Providences,’ presented us with a later instance, and a native of England, Jeremiah Street (a Wiltshire man born), who, May 25th, 1703, was showed publicly at Halifax, for his extraordinary stature, ‘I could,’ saith he (who is himself a proper person), ‘stand under his arm-hole, and above an inch to spare, and with my hand could just reach the top of his head.’ He was 7 feet 5 inches high, but corpulent and unhealthy, and falling sick at Bradford, was interred there 18th June.”—*Ducatus Lodd.*, p. 611.

From the MS. collection of my old friend Mr. Jonathan Priestley, of Winter-edge, near Halifax, I have notice of one James Sagar, who married at fourscore, and yet lived to lead his grand-child to church.”—*Id.*, p. 621.

oldest person of the name now living, I am desired by a relation to carry on the genealogy farther, which I shall endeavour to do in a summary way.

My grandfather, Jonathan Priestley, married Phæbe, daughter of Richard Hoyle, of Howkans, in Northowram. I have a manuscript of his writing, wherein he gives her an extraordinary character for piety, and prudence in the management of his affairs, and in the education of her children. He had by her three sons and two daughters, beside three that died in infancy. His sons were Jonathan, Nathaniel, and John; the daughters were Lydia and Abigail; and though he had but little when he begun the world, yet by good management, and with an excellent character, as I have heard from many, he gave to each of his sons a farm; to Jonathan, his oldest son, he left Winteredge. He was a sober and religious man, married a Lancashire woman, whom I did not know. She had no child, and died long before him. He devised his estate of about 70*l.* per annum to Jonathan, his brother Nathaniel's eldest son. This Nathaniel was educated for the ministry. He and Mr. Ely Dawson preached at Halifax and Bradford, alternately, many years. He was a man of good natural parts and capacity, and of great learning, and was much admired and esteemed as a preacher.⁵³ His father left him his estate at Westercroft. He married Jane, the widow of a gentleman whose name was Fourness. I believe her jointure out of his estate might be about 100*l.* per annum, with the mansion house at Ovenden, which she enjoyed during her life, and survived my uncle many years. She had two sons by Mr. Fourness; one was a captain, the other a lieutenant in the army, in Queen Anne's wars. She had also by Mr. Nathaniel Priestley, 3 sons and 3 daughters; the sons were Jonathan, Thomas, and

"Mr. Nathaniel Priestley, of Ovenden, died Sept. 5, bur. Sept. 9, in Halifax church, a worthy, eminent minister, a great loss, especially to the congregations at Halifax and Bradford."—Turner's *Northowram Register*, p. 802.

In Ralph Thoresby's *Museum of Curiosities* is mentioned, amongst many others, "a large incrusted ball of hair found in the stomach of an ox at Halifax, Don. Revd. Nathaniel Priestley."—*Ducatus Leod.*, page 438.

In a list of Thoresby's "MSS. in Octavos," is the following: "Mr. Smith, of Eland'a, letter about non-conformity, and Mr. Sharp's answer thereunto; both are the originals, and that of Mr. Smith (author of the Patriarchal Sabbath), was given me by Mr. Jon. Priestley, and Mr. Sharp (author of Divine Comforts), by the Revd. Nathaniel Priestley."—*Ducatus Leod.*, page 542.

Nathaniel. His daughters were Elizabeth, Dorothy, and Sarah, who were all of them agreeable persons. Jonathan was a sober, virtuous man; he inherited both his uncle and father's estate, and improved it. He married to his first wife a daughter of Mr. Robert Milnes, of Wakefield, merchant. She had a son that died an infant, and she soon after died.²⁴ He married to his second wife, Martha Reesly, from Leeds; she had only one son, who is now living at or near Leeds, and enjoys the estate, about 200*l.* per annum. He married Mary Visser, a Dutch lady, by whom he hath a son and daughter, Henry and Sarah, nearly upgrown. This gentleman loves his bottle well.

My uncle Nathaniel's next sons were Thomas and Nathaniel. There were both extravagant, imprudent men; went into the army; Thomas died there unmarried²⁵; the other, I believe, married one as good as himself; his father left him 20*l.* per annum during his life, but no farther provision for his heirs after his death. He left two children, a son and daughter, now living.

His brother Jonathan, though he had a son of his own, left those children 200*l.* a piece, in his Will, which I mention to the credit of his generosity and charity. I was appointed trustee for them, and paid the money.

My uncle Nathaniel's oldest daughter was Elizabeth; she married Mr. John Whitaker, a minister at Plat, near Manchester. I was intimate with him; he was a worthy gentleman, and very agreeable in conversation. She had a son and a daughter, Richard and Hannah; Richard, a friendly and good-natured man; he married Ann, the widow of John Hodgson, as hereafter mentioned; she had one daughter by him, namely, Hannah; she is now living with her father at Bradford. Mr. Whitaker's daughter, of Plat, married one Mr. Siddal, near Manchester, who is a man of character, but what children he hath, I know not.

My uncle Nathaniel's next daughter was Dorothy; she married Mr. Abraham Rhodes, near Bradford; they had two sons; Richard, the oldest, died a bachelor; but with his paternal

²⁴ "Mrs. Hannah Priestley, of Winteredge, died at her father's, Mr. Milnes of Wakefield, Mar. 26, bur. at New chappell there, Mar. 28, 1728."—*Turner's Northowram Register*, p. 800.

²⁵ "Thomas, son of Mr. Priestley, of Ovenden, died at Inverness, in Scotland, May 18 [1722]; had listed himself some time ago to be a soldier, leaving his master and his parents."—*Turner's Northowram Register*, p. 285.

estate, and by trade, he acquired a good fortune, which he left to his brother and sisters and their children. John, his brother, continued in the trade of a merchant with success and reputation, but he died young. He married Faith, a daughter of Mr. Rawden, near York, who is a comely, agreeable person, and of great discretion; she hath a son and two daughters, Dorothy, and Sarah; they are both very well accomplished young ladies. John, his son, is a sober and sensible young man; I think he is in partnership with his cousin Hardcastle, who was in company with his father, when living, in the mercantile way.

Mr. Abraham Rhodes, besides his two sons, had three daughters, Jane, Dorothy, and Sarah. Jane married Mr. Hardcastle, near Leeds, and had both sons and daughters. She is dead; and I had but little acquaintance with that family; only I knew Mr. John Hardcastle, of Halifax, and a daughter, the wife of Mr. Benson, a linen draper in Halifax. Dorothy, Mr. Rhodes' second daughter, married Mr. Robert Swaine, a manufacturer at Bradford, who died young, and left her a widow, and four children. She married a second husband, Japhet Lupton, by whom she hath four children in infancy; I know two sons, by her first husband, that are in trade, and one daughter unmarried.

Mr. Abraham Rhodes had another daughter Sarah, who married one Mr. Prince, of Cambridge, who, I believe, is living, but what posterity she hath I know not.

My uncle Nathaniel's youngest daughter was Sarah; she was about my age; she married Mr. Robert Milnes, a merchant at Wakefield; he died soon, and left her a widow with one daughter. She had a good fortune, and married Mr. James Lees, of Manchester, who died long ago. She continued a widow at Manchester. I have seen a daughter of her's, but whether she have any more I know not.

I shall now speak of my grandfather's youngest son, viz., my father, John. His father left him Whitewindows, but he had not those worldly advantages, in some respects, than his older brothers had; yet, by his industry and prudent management, he maintained a numerous family in plenty, and left a competent fortune to those that survived him. He died young, in 1720, aged 52. My father was a man of great integrity, and

of a friendly and charitable disposition.³⁶ I was his son, and the only son that survived him. He married Mary, the daughter of Mr. Abraham Swift, of Halifax; she was a woman of great piety and goodness in all respects, which was well-known to me by experience, and to everyone that knew and conversed with her. She had ten children, but only four survived my father. The death of so many of her children was a great affliction to her and my father. Three daughters died of a pleurisy in one month, aged from about ten to fifteen years. I remember, upon that occasion, Mr. Dickinson, our minister, came to see us; she desired him to make a discourse³⁷ from Psalm 25, 17: *The troubles of my heart are enlarged: Oh! bring Thou me out of my distresses.* She survived my father about fourteen years, and died November 5th, 1734, aged about 65.³⁸ Phæbe, my eldest sister, died before her; she married Mr. Huthwait, dissenting minister at Idle, and died without issue. My next sister, Elizabeth, married Mr. James Ingham, a mercer in Halifax, who died long ago; she lived to old age; died in January, 1777, aged 75 years. She was a good woman, but met with many troubles in life. She was particularly unhappy in her two daughters, which were all she had. Mary hath been insane about ten years; Sarah, the younger, married one Joseph Wilkinson, who failed in the world, and died insolvent. This Sarah died the 10th June last, 1779, at London. Sarah, my youngest sister, married Mr. John Daniel, of Leeds; she died in September, 1775, aged about 63 years. Several children survived her; Mary married Mr. John

³⁶ Dickenson notices his death thus:—1720, “Mr. John Priestley, of Westercroft, my very dear friend, was seiz'd with some illness, on Fryday, Sept. 9, was better next morning, went to Halifax, was at Northourum chapel on Lord's Day, went to Rochdale on Monday, was very ill that evening, return'd home on Tuesday, died on Friday about 11 a clock at night.”—*Turner's Northowram Register*, p. 281.

³⁷ The Sermon was printed, and the title runs—“A funeral Sermon preached at Northourum, March ye 4th, occasion'd by the death of three daughters of John Priestley, of Westercroft, viz., Judith, who died Jan. ye 21st, in the 15th year of her age; Mary, who died Feb. ye 4th, in the 10th year of age; and, Hannah, who died Feb. ye 22nd, in the 13th year of her age, A.D. 1710.”

³⁸ Another Sermon also was printed, and the title is—“Exemption from condemnation, or the privilege and happiness of all true believers in and by Christ Jesus, considered and improved in a Funeral Sermon on Rom. 8-1, preached in Northourum, November 17, occasioned by the death of Mrs. Mary Priestley, widow, who departed this life November the 5th, 1734, aged 65, by Thomas Dickenson.”—*Turner's Northowram or Coley Register*, 1881, Introduction.

Bowling, a hatter in Leeds; they have one child, an infant; John is married and hath three children in infancy; Elizabeth is unmarried. All my sisters were pious and religious persons.

I have given some account of my grandfather's three sons; I shall now say something of his daughters, which were two, Lydia and Abigail. Lydia died unmarried.²⁰ Abigail married Mr. Thomas Hodgson, of Bradford, maltster; I did not know her; she had two children, Phæbe and John; Phæbe married Joshua Stead, but whether any of his posterity be living I know not. John Hodgson was my cotemporary, but I think some years older; he was a man of good understanding and prudence in the management of his affairs. He married Ann, the daughter of Mr. Leach, near Bingley, who died not long ago at London, upon a visit to her children there. I know not what number of children Mr. Hodgson had, but three are living. William is married, and hath six children in infancy; he is a sensible man, and a merchant of good reputation in the city of London, where he was apprentice; I know not the name of the lady he married. John Hodgson his two daughters are Abigail and Alice; both of them very amiable and prudent persons. Abigail married Mr. Christopher Rawden, a merchant of reputation in Halifax many years, who is, I suppose, retired from business, and removed with his family to York, his native country, where he hath a good estate, and hath left his oldest son, Christopher, to carry on their extensive trade at Halifax, and I am told is very capable of it. They have a daughter, married at London, and three more in their minority. Alice, Mr. Hodgson's younger daughter, married Mr. William Blake, who is an eminent trader in the city of London, with a very good character. I am told they have five children in infancy.

Now I have related what I know, or have been informed, concerning the posterity of my grandfather, Mr. Jonathan Priestley, of Winteredge, excepting a few words of my own family hereafter. I shall now give some particulars of a collateral branch of the Priestley family.

²⁰ Decr. 17th, 1681, Lydia Priestley, daughter of Jonathan Priestley, of Winteredge, was returning home on horseback from Joseph Priestley, of Norland (her cousin's), in crossing the brook at Godley Bridge (Northowram), there being a flood at the time, her feet caught the wood bridge, and she was thrown into the water and taken out dead; she was 20 years of age.—*Heywood Diary*.

Mr. Jonathan Priestley tells you, in the preceding memoirs, that he had an older brother, namely, Joseph ; he married Heister, the daughter of Mr. John Briggs, of Ovenden, by whom he had two sons, John and Joseph, and some other children. I knew not any of them but Joseph, of Whitewindows ; he lived to old age, being born in 1650, and died in 1733, above 83 years old.⁴⁰ He married Mary, the daughter of William Morrell, of Beckfoot, near Bingley, and had several children⁴¹ ; but I had little knowledge of any of them but John and Timothy. Timothy died without issue. I was very intimate with John ; he had a fine comely head of grey hair, almost white. He was a considerable maker of white kerseys about 60 years ; he was near 86½ years old when he died, being born in 1678, and died in 1765. I do not remember that I ever heard of any of the family that attained to his age. He was a sober, religious, honest man, and got a very good fortune by his trade, with a good character. He married Mary, daughter of Mr. Israel Wilde, of Ball Green, in Sowerby, by whom he had only one son, John, from whom I had the above account. He was born in February, 1717-18, and succeeded his father in trade, and with great success ; he is a man of sobriety and integrity. He married Susannah, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Holroyde, of Wood Lane Hall, in Sowerby, by whom he hath two sons, Joseph and John. I observed before, that Whitewindows was my paternal estate ; this family had occupied it, as tenants, three generations ; the building was ordinary, therefore Mr. Priestley wanted a better house, and as the situation was very good, he desired I would sell him the estate, which I did, and he

⁴⁰ Joseph was born June 29, 1650, and died 24 Jan., 1733-4. His Will is dated 20 Feb., 1732 ; and proved by his son, John Priestley, in the Exchequer Court of York, May 1st, 1734. Joseph Priestley, in his Will, makes mention of four children, John, Timothy, Mary, who married Christopher Brook, of Clifton, and Hannah, who married — Whitaker (2nd husband). Her first husband was — Starkey, Esq., by whom she had William, John, and Ellen.

⁴¹ One of them, Mary, married Mr. Christopher Brook. On a gravestone in the Churchyard at Hartshead is the following :

Christopher Brook, of Clifton, died 20 March, 1750, aged 78. Mary, his wife (the daughter of Joseph Priestley, of White Windows), died 9th March, 1758, aged 66. John, their son, died Aug. 20th, 1782, aged 62. Mary, their daughter, died Decr. 25th, 1789, aged 67. Christopher, their son, died Apr. 17th, 1810, aged 83.—*Note in MS.*

hath erected a most elegant house in the years 1767 and 1768, not many better (if any) in the parish of Halifax.

Mr. John Priestley, of Whitewindows, hath two sons, as aforesaid, Joseph and John, who are well accomplished young gentlemen, and both married into very opulent families. Joseph was born 17 August, 1750, and married November 5th, 1770, to Lydia, daughter and only child of Mr. John Lea, of Haughend, by whom he hath five daughters, 1st Harriet, 2nd Caroline, 3rd Mary Susannah, 4th Delia, 5th Lucy, in their infancy. John, born October 10th, 1754, and married September 19th, 1776, to Elizabeth, second daughter of William Walker, Esq., of Crownest, in Hipperholme. Both Mr. Walker and Mr. Lea have very great estates, both real and personal. John has one son, born 8th October, 1779, named William.

There is another collateral branch of the Priestleys descended from the female line, and though most of them have changed their names by marrying into other families, yet I shall briefly mention them, as they are the offspring of a Priestley. Moreover, many of them are known to me, and of my acquaintance.

My grandfather tells us in his memoirs that he had a sister whose name was Mary. She married Matthew Nicholson, of Warley; had several sons, and one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Mr. Josiah Stansfield,⁴ of Breck, in Sowerby. So far he goes in his memoirs, but no farther, as to his descendants. That Elizabeth I have seen; she had one son and three daughters; I knew them all very well, but they are all dead long ago. John, her only son, lived to old age; married, but had no issue. He was a remarkable character; was a considerable trader, and very successful, and was a man of great knowledge and good elocution. He was charitable, and had many virtues, but alas! when about 70, he became insane in mind, and by his mad conduct, ruined his estate. At last, to prevent insolvency, his relations obliged him to give up his estate and effects to them, by which means they paid all his debts, and contrived in the sale of his estate to reserve an annuity of about 80*l.* per annum for his support during his life; so that, for two years before his death, he became quiet and contented with what had been done, and died in peace.

⁴ Arms of Stansfield, Sable, three Goats trippant argent; and were so painted on the chapel window at Heptonstall, with a date, in old numerals, 1508.—*Note in MS.*

Elizabeth's three daughters were Lydia, Sarah, and Elizabeth ; were all worthy good Christians. Lydia married one Mr. Milne, a Lancashire gentleman of estate and good understanding. She had seven children ; four settled in Lancashire ; are all dead except a daughter, but I know not any of their prosperity. Three of her children married near Halifax, and are all living, and in good circumstances ; Thomas, Mary, and Sarah.

Thomas Milne is a very industrious man, and hath been successful in trade. He hath had two wives ; three children by his first wife, and twelve children by his second. I am told he has at this time ten or eleven of them living, all by his second wife, and fourteen grandchildren. Mrs. Milne, good woman, hath honestly complied with the apostle's injunction (1st Timothy, 5, 14) : *I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house.*

Lydia's next daughter was Mary. She is a comely, agreeable person, and a good economist. She married Mr. John Lea, of Haughend, who hath got a very good fortune in trade, with the character of an honest man. She hath only one daughter, married to Mr. Jo. Priestley, as above said. Sarah, her sister, is a good religious woman ; she married Mr. Abraham Whitehead, who died long ago. She had a son and daughter, both married, John and Elizabeth. John died in September last, 1779. Elizabeth Stansfield's next daughter was Sarah, she married Mr. Martin Hotham, of York ; two of her children are living, Josiah and Hannah ; I think they are about 70 years old. Hannah was never married ; Josiah hath a son and a daughter about 26 years old ; they are very rich, but of a worthy good character. Elizabeth Stansfield's youngest daughter was Elizabeth ; she married Mr. Thomas Holden, a mercer in Halifax ; she had two children, Richard and Hannah, both dead. I married Hannah ; by her I had four children, one died in infancy ; Elizabeth, my oldest daughter, died unmarried. My son John is yet a bachelor ; my daughter Hannah married Mr. Robert Swaine, a very considerable manufacturer of worsted stuffs in Halifax ; she hath been married some years, but as yet hath no child. I shall say no more at present concerning my own children, but only this, they are very good, and do all in their power to promote my happiness. My dear wife was an excellent woman, but it pleased God to take her away from me by death, in the

year 1752, and the 44th year of her age. She had a brother, Richard Holden, as above said. He was in trade some years, but retired from business before his death. He died in the year 1766, aged about 56, without issue, having never married. He made no Will, therefore my son John came into the possession of his estate of about 150*l.* per annum, as heir at law.

Thus I have given a summary account, to the best of my knowledge and remembrance, of the pedigree of our family in my time; most of the persons mentioned herein I have known and conversed with.

In this memorial there may be some omissions and a few mistakes, but I believe most of what I have related is true in fact; if there be some mistakes, they are not voluntary. I have treated of persons and things as they appeared to me. But I may say, as Barzillai said to King David (2 Samuel, 19, 35): *I am this day fourscore years old.* It cannot therefore be expected that I could enlarge or write with the propriety and accuracy of style as might be done by a younger person.

To conclude:—I take the liberty to exhort and beseech all my relations that may happen to see this narrative, that they *Fear God and keep His commandments;* and, *If riches increase, set not your hearts upon them* (Psalm 62, 10). Let us all be often thinking of the shortness and uncertainty of this mortal life. *What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away* (James 4, 14).

Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? (Zachariah 1, 5). May we all be humble and thankful to God for the numberless mercies we receive; and by faith in Christ, and perseverance in a life of sincere piety and virtue till death, may we be prepared to enjoy that state of perfection and happiness in heaven which God hath promised to them that love Him.

November 28th, 1779.

Mr. Nathaniel Priestley died 5th April, 1781, aged 81 years, 4 months, 8 days. I am now the oldest of the Priestley family mentioned in the above memoirs. I pray God prepare me for a happy change.

JOHN PRIESTLEY.

MEMORANDUM BOOK OF SIR WALTER CALVERLEY, BART.

18 December, 1663. My sister, Ann Calverley,¹ was borne, and baptised the 27 of the same month.²

1 October, 1665. My sister, Bridget Calverley,³ was borne.

15 January, 1669-70. I, Walter Calverley, was borne.⁴

8 October, 1671. I fell into a tube of water, and had like to have bene drowned.

10 or 20 of June, 1672. I fell into a panfull of milk, and was taken oute for dead.

6 May, 1674. I had a feavour at York, which lasted 10 days.

1675. My father brought me from York to Eshall, and sent me to Calverley schoole.

1679, or thereabout, my father sent me to Mr. Ellas's⁵ of Kiddal,⁶ where I stayed about one yeare, then came home, and about a halfe a yeare after went agane, and stayed aboute an other yeare.

¹ 1684, Apr. 7. Mr. Benjamin Wade, of Heddingley, and Mrs. Anne Calverley, married. (Calverley Register). He was a son of Anthony Wade, mayor of Leeds in 1676, by Mary, d. and c. h. of John Moore, of Green Head, co. Leicester.

² 1668, Dec. 27. Anne, d. of Walter Calverley, Esquire, bap. (Calverley Register).

³ 1665, Oct. 6. Bridget, d. of Walter Calverley, Esquire, bap. (Calverley Register).

⁴ 1669-70, Jan. 16. Walter, s. and h. of Mr. Walter Calverley, Esquire, of East Esholt, bap. (Otley Register).

⁵ William Ellis, of Kiddal, Esq., sixth cousin twice removed to the boy of nine years old, whom he took into his house as a boarder, or "tabler," as it was then called. More of him hereafter.

⁶ Kiddal Hall is on the road from Leeds to York, in the township of Barwick-in-Elmet. In the *Mirror* for 22nd May, 1830, there is a short account of the Hall, illustrated by three engravings, comprising a view of the hall, an

1681, or thereabout, my father sent me to Baldon,⁷ to Mr. Stead's, where I stayed about halfe a yeare, then went to learne with Mr. Armatag, and was tabled at Mr. Parker's.

1683. I went to Rippon, and stayed about a year with Mr. Cottingam.

7 April, 1684. My sister Ann was marryed to Mr. Waide, of New Grange, by Mr. Pemberton, of Bradford.⁸

1685 and 1686. I was at home, and learned with Mr. Clifford.

8 January, 1686-7. Mr. Thomas Ramsden came first to Eshall, and, about a yeare before, his brother, Mr. John Ramsden, came to Eshall.

20 September, 1686. My sister Bridgit went first to London.

11 February, 1687-8, was my first going to London.

4 May. My father sett forwards for London, and brought Mr. Thomas Ramsden with him.

"embayed" window, and engravings of the armorial bearings of Ellis. The window is five-sided, has gothic pinnacles and embattled parapet. The following inscription (as copied by Mr. Alfred Shelley Ellis), occurs over the window :—"Orate pro Thome Elys et Anne uxoris sue, qui ista' fenestra' fecerunt anno d'ni mo 1500 p' mo"—the correct reading being "Orate pro bono statu Thome Elys et Anne uxoris sue, qui istam fenestram fecerunt, anno Domini 1500mo primo" (i.e. 1601). The window was built by Thomas Ellis, who married Anne, daughter of William Calverley, of Calverley, Esq. Mr. Ellis states that in the cavette of the cornice are bosses with the emblems of the crucifixion and other devices. In the bays of the windows are four shields of arms in stained glass :—1st and 4th, impaling Ellis and Calverley; 2nd, Ellis impaling Thwaites; 3rd, Ellis impaling The bay window is at one end of the dining-room, which is wainscotted, and the carved oak chimney-piece and arched sideboard recess are Jacolean. Over the latter is a shield, Ellis impaling Calverley, and, over the former, a shield impaling Wilkinson with one unknown. The dining-room was originally the hall, and its fine open timber roof exists above the ceiling of the bedrooms over it. Kiddal Hall is now a farm-house. For further information about Kiddal and the Ellis family, see Mr. William Smith Ellis' "Notices of the Ellises;" "The History of Kiddal Hall," by John Dixon, of Leeds; "Bowman's "Remains of Yorkshire Antiquities," pp. 34, 86, &c.; "Ellis Correspondence," 2 vols., 1829; Thoresby's "Ducat. Leod." p. 201; Whitaker's "Richmondshire," vol. 2, pp. 98, &c.

⁷ Baldon, near Shipley, W.R. Yorks.

⁸ Francis Pemberton held the vicarage of Bradford from 1677 to 1698. He is supposed to be one of the Pembertons of Trumpington, co. Cambridge. In 1698 he obtained the rich living of Bedale. In 1680 he was preferred to a stall in Ripon Minster, and in 1700 was raised to the sub-deanery. He matriculated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, B.A., 1673, M.A., 1677, and died 9 October, 1721.

19 May. I went with my father, Mr. Thomas Ramsden, and sister Bridget, for Oxford; and on the 20, Mr. Ramsden was entred Gentleman Comoner of Queen's Colledg, in Oxford, and on the 22, I was admitted of the same colledg, and had boath one tutor, Mr. Fisher.

23. My father and sister went back for London, and on the 19 of July after, went for Eshall, and carryed my couzen Chamberlane along with them.

30 July, 1687. My father took his jurney for Cumberland,⁹ with Mr. John Ramsden, and returned 21 August after.

29 August, 1687. My father went into Cumberland, and returned 7 October after.¹⁰

29 August, 1688. My father went agane into Cumberland, and returned 18 September after.

19 November, 1688. Mr. Ramsden and I seet forward for Eshall, and on the 25 got home.¹¹

18 May, 1689. We went againe for Oxford, and got thither in thre days.

20 May, 1689. I went the college fog-race with Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Smith, and my tutor. The first day we went to Salsbury, the next to Gilsig, where we stayed Tusday and Wednesday. On Thursday we went [to] Southampton; on Friday, Mr. Fisher and I went to Portsmouth, where we light on Captain Tirrill and Mr. Weaver, who carryed us abord the Elezabeth Mordunt, which lay at Spithead; and on our returne to Southampton, went abord the Charles; on Saturday we went to Winchester, and so back to Oxford.

⁹ On business there connected with the estate. See under date September, 1695, &c.

¹⁰ Counterpart of an indenture by which Walter Calverley, of Calverley, grants to Robert Jackson, of Carlisle, a seat in the north side of the chancel of the parish church of Bromfield. Dated 5 Apr., 1680. [Add. Charter, 17,192]. Counterpart of indenture of sale from Walter Calverley, of Calverley, to Nicholas Martindale and others, of lands, &c., in the manor of Allanby. [Add Charters, 17,180, 17,183, 17,184, &c.]

¹¹ The following is among the Calverley papers in the British Museum:—
“These are to certifie all whome it may concern, that the bearers herof, Mr. Walter Calverley and Mr. Thomas Ramsden, are Scholars of Queen's College, in the University of Oxford, and are going with their men, Timothy Balson and Daniel Michel, to Ashould in Yorkshire, about their lawful affairs.—Gilbert Ironside, Vice-Chancellor.—Wadham College, Oxford, November, 1688.

16 June, 1689. Mr. Fisher, Mr. Tirrill, and I went for London, and on the first of July, Mr. Tirrill and I returned for Oxon.

3 August, 1689. Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Thomlinson, and I sett forwards for London, on the 7 for Eshall, and got home on the 10 September.

23. Mr. Thomlinson and I went for Cumberland, and got to Akhead in 4 days.

28 October, 1689. Mr. William Thomlinson and I went through Carlisl to Howtwistell¹³ and so to Newcastell; from thence to Whitton Towre, so on to Barwick, from thence to Hedington, and so to Edingburg; on the fist to Broughton, on the 6 to Loceby, and on the 7 to Akehead, on the tenth at Penrith, on the 11th at Kirby Lonsdale, on the 12 at Long Preston, and so home.

26 February, 1688-9. My sister Bridget was marryed to Mr. John Ramsden,¹² by Mr. Pemberton, vicar of Bradford.

24 July. My brother, Mr. John Ramsden, dyed, and was buried the next day, at Calverley.¹⁴

29 April. Mr. Rainsden and I seat forwards for London.

29 September. I returned to Eshall.

4 June, 1690. My father and Mr. William Thomlinson went into Cumberland, and on the 16 same month returned home.

5 June, 1691. My father went into Cumberland, and returnd 19 same.

[10 June, 1691. Mr. Stead showed me a letter which came from Mr. Savill, and he asked me what I would give Mr. Savill

¹² Haltwhistle.

¹³ February 26, 1688-9. Mr. John Ramsden, of Crowsstone, in the parish of Halifax, and Mrs. Bridgett Calverley, of the parish of Otley.—[Calverley Register]. She was married, secondly, to William Neville, Esq., of Holbeck, high sheriff for Yorkshire, 1710, s. and h. of Gervae Neville, of Beeston, sometime of Sheffield, and afterwards of Holbeck, by Dorothy, d. of Francis Cavendish, of Doveridge, co. Derby, Esq.

¹⁴ M. I. on a mural slab in the Calverley chapel, in Calverley church:—“Adjacent lieth interred the Body of John Ramsden, late of Crowsstone, Gen., who married Bridget, the daughter of Walter Culverley, of Calverley, Esq. They were married the 26th of Feb., 1688, and [he] departed this life the 24 day July, 1689, being in the 22 year of his age.” “John Ramsden, Esq., of Esholt, was buried July 25, 1689.”—[Calverley Register].

for the tithe (of Eshall, deleted in original), and wished him to profer him in my name five hundred pounds for costs of sute and arrears.]¹⁶

23 June, 1691. My father went from Eshall to goe to London.

17 July, 1691. I went to my father at London, and returnd with him, Mr. Husband, and his lady.

1 November, 1691. I went with my sister Ramsden to London, and gott thither in 6 days; but 2 days after, having notice that my father was not well, tooke post for the countrey on the 8 day.

4 November, 1691. My father, being very much out of health, went to Leeds for convenience of doctors, and lodged at Mr. Gibson's house.

10 November, 1691. My father departed this life at Mr. Gibson's house, in Leeds, about 3 in the afternoone. The morrow after, his corps was brought to Calverley, and set in the hall-chapell, and, after, interred in the church there,¹⁶ in his owne quiere, and funerall sollemnised 14 same. Mr. Farrand¹⁷ preached his funerall sermon.

14 January, 1691-2. Mr. Rameden and I went to York, and on the 15 he took administracion of his brother, Mr. John Ramsden, goods, my sister having first renounced; and at the same time, I tooke administracion of my father's goods,¹⁸ Doctor

¹⁶ This entry is on the fly-leaf of the MS.

¹⁷ 1691, November 14. Walter Calverley, Esquire, senior, buried.—[Calverley Register].

¹⁸ Samuel Ferrand was vicar of Calverley from 7 December, 1688, to 17 July, 1693. He was uncle to the Rev. Bradgate Ferrand, vicar of Bradford, and was one of the ancient family of Ferrand, of Harden.—See Foster's "Yorkshire Pedigrees," and James' "History of Bradford," pp. 170, 211.

" Notes from the will of Walter Calverley. (Add. M.S., 27,410, fo. 218). It is dated 6 November, 8 W. and M., 1691. Body to be interred in Culverley church. Richard Tomlinson, the elder, of Akehead, in co. Cumberland, gent., and John Tomlinson, his son, clerk, together with the executors after-named, to be trustees. Grants power to them to sell his Cumberland estates for these purposes: 1stly, to pay his just debts. 2ndly, to pay legacies as follows:—To Benjamin Wade, Esquire, his son-in-law, 20s., and to his wife 20s., and to their five children 20s. each; to testator's daughter, Mrs. Bridget Ramsden, 40s., in lieu of all share in his personal estate; to John Hare, his servant, £4 a year for life, and other £4 per year to his servant Thomas Shepard, for life, to be paid out of his Calverley estate. William Richardson, Doctor in

Richardson and Mr. Roads having first renounced, and my mother, the right of administracion.

16 January, 1691-2. Mr. Ramsden went for London, and left Eshall for all. At the same time, Jack, his boy, left Eshall.

20 Jan. Daniull and Gregson went from Eshall, with their master's goods.

25 January, 1691-2, or thereabouts.—I tooke a bond in, maid by my father to Timothy Collier, for payment of £100, with intrest, from Susanna Collier, and gave her new bond in my owne name, to be paid on (*blank*), and was to pay £5 for intrist sometime after, and there will be due to him in April next, £912, as appeared upon the staite of accounts.

February, 1691-2. I took £100 of William Dawson, of Calverley mill, for one year, at 12d. pound. The same day, Ran. Mitchell brought me a couple of wigs, which came from Oxford, which are owing for to Mr. Rainsden. At the same time Jonathan Oldfeld sent me the declaracion, wherein Mr. Brearey sues him about tithes of some lands he farmed of my father at Eshall.

29 February, 1691-2. Isack Dawson and Thomas Lambert went to York to Dr. Brearey,¹⁹ and agreed with him about Oldfeld bills of Eshall, for £13 10s, or thereabout.

Physic, and Richard Rhodes, of Otley, yeoman, executors, to each of them £20, and to John Tomlinson and Richard Tomlinson £20 each, for their trouble. Walter Calverley. Witnesses : Samuel Simpson, Jonathan Gibson, Susan Bannester.

¹⁹ William Brearey, LL.D. (per literas Regias, 1674, of Cambridge), was rector of Guiseley and Adel, Archdeacon of the East Riding. He succeeded his father-in-law in both rectories, and as Archdeacon, at these dates : Guiseley, 1677, Adel, 1676, and in the archdeaconry, 15 Oct., 1675. He was the son of Henry Brearey, of York, by Mary, daughter of the Rev. Mark Micklethwaite, of Marston (*Dugdale's Visitation*, 1665. ed. Surtees Society, p. 210), who was buried at St. John's, 14 October, 1661. Henry Brearey was baptized 30 Aug., 1612, and buried 27 Feb., 1673-4, at St. John's, York. Dr. Brearey's first wife was Mary, daughter of Robert Hitch, D D., rector of Guiseley and Adel, Archdeacon of the East Riding, 1662 to 1675, and Dean of York ; buried at St. John's, York, 11 May, 1678. By her he had William and Henry, who died young, and Sarah, baptized at St. John's, 11 Dec., 1675, married at York Minster, 4 Dec., 1701, Richard Roundell, of Hutton Wansley, Esq. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Leonard Thompson, of York, merchant, by Francis Brearey, widow of Thomas Childers, of Carr-holme, Esq. She was baptized 11 March, 1649-50, and buried 10 Nov., 1721, at St. John's, York, having had seven children, who died young. Dr. Brearey was buried at St. John's, 9 March, 1701-2, having "dyed at his house in the Minster yard, 6 March : in the South Quire."

7 March, 1691-2. I went to Leeds, and borrowed of Mr. Lawson £50.

21. I tooke coach at Ferrybridg,²⁰ with my sister Ramsden, for London, and got thither 26th same.

12 May, 1692. I tooke an assinement from Mrs. Billing and Mr. Wolton, of a judgment obtained by Thomas Billing agaenst my uncle for £23 5s. damages, and £3 cost of suite, for £12 10s.

25 May, 1692. I sett out of London with Samewell [*Hemingway?*] in Nottingham coach, and gate home on the 28 same.

2 July, 1692. I mett Dr. Sharpe, Bishope of York, at Kirkstall bridg, and waited of him with the rest of the gentlemen to Bradford.

15 July, 1692. Mr. Richardson, of Bradford, delivered me a copy of the decree and other prossess oute of the exchequer, at suite of the Countis of Mountyfletrey.²¹

20 July, 1692. Barganed and agreed betwene Mr. Stead and me that I should have all the tythes of hay and corn on mine and my tenants' lands at Calverley this yeare, for which I am to pay £12 at Mik'mas and Candlemas next (£6 each time).

11 August, 1692. I went to Lancaster assizes to meet Captain Lindley,²² the High Shirrife; from thence went for Cumberland.

15 September, 1692. I returned out of Cumberland, and came to Calverley this night, and, about a fortnight before, my sister Waide[']s cheldring, Calverley, Benjamin, Thomson, Henry, and Mary, fell sick of the small pox at Eshall.²³

²⁰ Ferrybridge; 2 miles from Pontefract, and 15 from Leecis. Over this bridge the great north road passes, and it was the most convenient point for Leeds and Bradford travellers to catch the London coach.

²¹ Concerning a dispute about the tithes on Walter Calverley's lands. The Calverley rectorial tithes belonged to the Saviles, and Elizabeth Ubaldino, Countess Dowager of Montfeltre, daughter of Henry Savile, had brought an action against him (4 Jas. II., 1688), setting forth that she had been since the 25th March, 1672, possessor of the rectory impropriate of Calverley church and parish, together with the tithes, both great and small, of Calverley, and that Walter Calverley refused to set forth his tithes, or permit plaintiff to receive them in kind, he believing that a modus was customarily paid for them.—See *The Registers of Calverley Parish Churh*, vol. ii., p. 8.

²² Captain Lindley.—See *Baines' Lancashire*, vol. i., p. 207.

²³ The following memoranda relating to these children, are written on the fly-leaf of the "Memorandum Book." :—

4 October, 1692. I went towards London, and lodged at Mr. Craven's, in Holborn.

23 October, 1692, being Sunday. I fell sick, and on Monday the small pox appeared on my face, and [I] continued in the distemper till Wednesday, 9th November, after which day I first began to turn. Dr. Johnson,²⁴ my phissicion, Mr. Brack, my apothecary, Mrs. Burton, my nurse.

26 October. I received a letter from my mother, with a su[b]poena inclosed, from Mr. Longueville; about the same time another from Taler's agent. [Not long after I received Longueville's bill concerning my uncell's estate; it was in Micallmas terme, 1692].²⁵

9 December, 1692. Articles of agreement betwixt Mr. Savill and his sisters, and we signed for the purchase of Calverley tythes, and all arrears, in consideration whereof I am to give him one guiney in hand, and to pay £615 before sealing the deed.

6 February, 1692-3. I gave in my answer to Longuevill's

Calverley, the eldest son of my brother Waide, was born 8 Feb., 1684-5, at 30 minutes past 5 in the morning; dyed 16 June, 1703, about 5 or 6 in the afternoon, of a high feaver, aged 18 years, 4 months, and 13 days, or thereabouts, and was buried at Heddingley Chapell, 19 same June. [He was bp. at Otley, 12 Feb., 1684-5].

Benjamin, the second son of my brother Waide, was born 22 May, 1686, at 30 minutes past 5 in the morning. [He was bp. at Otley, 25 May, 1686].

Thompson, the third son of my brother Waide, was born 9 May, 1687, at 8 in the morning. [He was bp. at Otley, 18 May, 1687].

Mary, my brother Waid's eldest daughter, was born 23 September, 1690, at noon.

Anne, my brother Waide's second daughter, born 11 June, 1693, at 48 minutes past 4 in the morning.

Henry Waide, my brother Wade's son, was born 21 July, 1689, at seaven in the afternoon; dyed 8 May, 1694, about 11 at night, aged about 4 years, nine months, and 18 days, and was buried at Otley, where he dyed, 11 same.

[1689, Aug. 1. Henry, s. of Benj. Wade, bp. 1696, 11 May. Henry, s. of Mr. Waid, of Grange, bur. Otley Reg.]

Frances Wade, my brother Wade's daughter, was born 15 November, 1694, about a quarter-of-an-hour after six in the afternoon.

Walter Wade, my brother Wade's son, was born 19 August, 1696, a little after seaven in the morning.

²⁴ Probably Nathaniel Johnstone, M.D., the great Yorkshire antiquary.

²⁵ Inserted.

bill, before Mr. Waide, Dr. Richardson, Sam. Hemingway, at Mr. Graham's, of Kirkstall.²⁶

15. I let Marchall's farme and house to Johnas Hargraves, for £16 10s.

25. Being a commissioner in the Act granted to their magesty's, of foure shilings in the pound, met Mr. Horton²⁷ and rest of the commissioners at [Hallyfax?], which was the first time I acted in any publick business.

7 March, 1692-3. Plowed the New close next the Old spring at Calverley, and sowed it with oates. Plowed also Wingfeild and Crosse close,²⁸ on the back of the Hall, and sowed it with oates, and about 2 day worke of barley in it.

29 March, 1693. Then reckoned with William Horne for the time he had been at Esholt since I came from London, and we reckoned he had been 14 weeks before last Lady day, at 5l 10s., before Sam. Hemingway.

28. William Horne, Jonas Hargraves, and my selfe valued ss much wood in Fairewell grounds, as we thought worth 120l.

30. We marked as much more, in that ground which lyes betwixt Shell Laine²⁹ and Farsley, as came to 65l., and went no further—Mires, Cross close, and Greenlands' gape.³⁰

9 April. Mr. Wade and [I] accounted, and it appear'd that with 18l. I received two days before, and 3l. 10s. then, and 45l. that I alowed for the intrist of 700l., and 6l. for the intrist of 100l., and 2l. I alowed for a legacy left by my father to him and his wife, that, with what Mr. Wade accounted and paid me, I was indebted to him the some of 1000l.

The same day I spoke to Waterworth and Megson, and wished

²⁶ Mr. Graham afterwards (10 September, 1694), goes to Cumberland with Sir Walter. It may not be easy to say to which branch of the wide-spread border family of Graham he belonged. But it is somewhat remarkable that Sir James Graham, Bart., M.P. for Cockermouth and Carlisle, and recorder of Appleby, a native of Edmund Castle, in Cumberland, should have had such interests in Kirkstall in right of his wife. — *Thoresby's Leeds*, ed. Whitaker, p. 8.

²⁷ Thomas Horton, of Barkisland Hall, the son of William Horton, by Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Gledhill, of Barkisland.

²⁸ Field names which still survive, *Wingfield* as *Wenglands*.

²⁹ Shell Lane is the name of the road from Calverley to the hamlet of Pries-thorpe.

³⁰ A field now called *Greenley* or *Greenland gap*.

them to geet all charewood³¹ and brush in the Ould Spring[wood] to a side, and thay promised that it should be done before May-day, and Megson prounised to cute up all the stumps.

At the same time, I askod Waterworth to look to Woodall³² grounds, and he promised me he would, but maid no bargen what I was to give him.

3 April. I and Thomas Sheperd set forwards for Cumberland, and I carryed with me in my portmanta 20*l*, and in my pocket, 4*l*.

24. I sett forwards for Eshall, and came in three days.

9 May. I borrowed of Mr. Lawson, of Leeds, 150*l*, which was paid to Mr. Stanhope, and was to be returned to Mr. Husbands. I am to have it for one year at the rait of 6*l*.

12 May. I barganed with John Bouthe, of Idle,³³ to buld me a shope to Fairwell house; for which I am to give him three pounds, he is to [sample?] new house wall, and to put up a chimney, and to fluge and slate it. I gave him sixpence in earnest.

25. I was served with a su[b]poena by a man of Leeds, at the sute of Vargon and others, consirning my uncle's estate.

29. I barganed with one Prince, a mason, to buld me a barne to Bentlay house, and gett the stones on Collhill,³⁴ and to [sample?] the best part in the house for foure shilings a rood, to fey the ground work; and [it] is to be done by Michalmas next. I said I would not stand with them if it was a fortnight after, and gave them a shilling in earnest.

22. I sent Wolfit mair by Thomas Sheperd to Mr. Thomp-

³¹ Most probably wood for burning into charcoal.

³² Woodhall is an old house at Woodhall-hills, a hamlet in the township of Calverley, about a mile S.S.W. of the village. The hall was the residence of George Richardson, one of the Richardsons of Bierley. He died at Woodhall in 1696. The estate afterwards passed to his grandson, and subsequently to another branch of the family. Lower Woodhall was purchased by John Gott, of Calverley, and here Benjamin Gott, Esq., was born in 1762. He died in 1840, possessed of great wealth, and left behind him a good lame. The lower Woodhall estate is now owned by the Rev. John Gott, D.D., vicar of Leeds, and is occupied by Mr. Tankard. Mr. Daniel Peckover, who lived there before him, purchased and considerably improved the adjoining estate.

³³ Idle, now a large and populous village, formerly a chapelry in the ancient parish of Calverley, now has a parish church and mission church of its own.

³⁴ Coal-hill, in Rodley, about a mile from Calverley village. It would be common land at this time.

son, of Escrik,²⁵ to desire a leave of his horse, and he ordred her to be left at his house.

31. Richard Shaw and Thomas Sheperd went for Cumberland, to buy goods.²⁶ Shaw took with him in money 143*l.*, besids 25*l.* of my mother's. Sheperd took of mine 30*l.*, with orders to receive what more he had occasion for of Mr. Thominson. What goods they buy are to be divided betwixt him and me at thare returne.

2 June. Richard Shaw sent 43 cows and quis²⁷ by a man of Kirby Lonsdale; 22 of which went to Calverley, 21 staid at Eshall.

4. I went to New Grang, and stayed all night; the day following to Firrybridg, where I took coach for London. Mem. that I have returned 650*l.* to London, which is to pay Mr. Savill for the tythe of Calverley; and I carry in my pocket sixteen guineys and a pistall, 20 that I designe to gett Mr. Bickings to returne with, 30*l.* that my mother returnes my sister Ramsden.

Arrived at London; but when I came up, Mr. Doarmer was out of town, and returned not till Tuesday, 13 June. So that our writings was not drawn, because he had some papers in his keeping.

10. We could not come at [to an agreement] but however, sent Mr. Savile²⁸ word that they would be ready the day following, so desired that he would be in town, that he might carry the fowl draught to be perused by his council; which accordingly he did, but his council being busy, as he pretended, desired the day of payment might be put off, but upon his fair speeches, and being perswaded by Mr. Husband, I told him, if he would prevail with Mrs. Minn to take her money the week after I would not be against

²⁵ This was Henry Thompson, M.P., Lord Mayor of York, 1699, son of Sir Henry Thompson, knight, of Marston. Escrick is a parish in the East Riding, 6 miles from York.

²⁶ Goods, i.e. Live Cattle. "Plough-horses, and other goods about the yard."—*Best's Farming Book*, Surtees Society, p. 102.

²⁷ Whyes. Thus the Scotch wrote "quhuilk" for which. Kirkby Lonsdale is in Westmerland, and seems to have been the second stage from Calverley to Cumberland, Long Preston being the first, and Penrith the last.

²⁸ This seems to have been Henry, son of Henry Savile, of Bowling, and the same who eventually conveyed his interest in the tithes of Calverley, 20 June, 1694.

it, which accordingly he did, and I prevailed with Mr. Husband to go to the lady, and know if she had given her consent to it, which she told him she had, and put it off till Tuesday. On Monday Mr. Savill came and gave Mr. Husband and me notice to meet him at his council's chamber, which accordingly we did, and prevailed with Mr. Dormer to go along with us, his council having made some small alterations in the deeds, which was not very materiall. My council and I consented to it, but after Mr. Savill declaring that he had not sold me the tythes of my uncle's lands in the manor of Calverley, nor that he did not intend me the writings which concerned the tythes, and that he had not sold me the small tythes, nor any other tythes besides the tythes of my own lands, I told him that if he would name what tythes he had in the manor of Calverley, which was not mine or my uncle's, they should be excepted ; but to this he would not agree, but told me if I would not submitt to his offers, it should be no bargain, notwithstanding the articles. When I see³⁹ that nothing could be done, I told him that rather than stay in town, and put myselfe to the charge of suit, I would referr it to his council and mine, but he declared he would referr it to nobody but himselfe.

25 June. I received a letter from Mr. Savile, wherein he desired that I would give him a meeting, which accordingly I did, at Westminster ; and his desire was, that I would once more referr our businesse to our council, which I consented to.

27. I met Mr. Savill at Mr. Dormer's chamber, and we agreed to referr our business to Mr. Ewer and Mr. Dormer, as thus that if our businesse should come to a hearing in Chancery, it would be decreed that either I should have the writings in keeping, according to our articles, or that they should rest in Mr. Savill's hands, and I only [to] have copyes. So was to leave it to them two, thinking they might as well determine it as the Chancery. First my councel moved that the writings should either be put in the Rolls, or lodged in Mr. Ewer's, or Mr. Lyndley's hands. To this Mr. Ewer consented, only wished that rather than in his hands they might be in Mr. Dormer's, but Mr. Savill declared against all these, and said that he would

■ "I see."—An old-fashioned proterite for "I saw." Similarly whilst in other counties "it snowed," in Yorkshire, "it snew."

consent they should be lodged in my Lord Hallifax⁴⁰ or his son's hands, and that if we would not consent to this, he has resolved to break it quite off. Then I moved to know of Mr. Ewer, that if it should come to a hearing, what way it would goe ; and he said it would be decreed that either I should have the writings, or that they should be put in the Rolls. Mr. Savill replied that he wondred he should say any such thing, for if it should come to a hearing, his saying would make much against him. Upon this, Mr. Ewer moved that the articles might be cancelled, but I refusing it, we broke off.

31 (*sic*) June (30 June). I mett Mr. Savill accidently in Westminster Hall, and he asked me if I designed to break our bargain quite off. I told him I did not, but was ready to pay the money, if he would performe the articles ; his answer was, he would never part with the writings ; however [he] desired we might dine together, which we did. At dinner he asked me if I would give it under my hand that it was not my intent to have the writings, which I refused. Afterwards I asked him to give me, in writing, all his objections to the articles, which at first he refused, but after consented to, but first took his council's advice : the objections was, that he did not designe to sell me any tythes in the mannor of Calverley, besides my own, and that I should not have the writings, but have copyes, and that they should be kept by my Lord Hallifax. To this I told my council I would consent, so desired Mr. Husbands to get the writings drawn and sealed, which he promised should be done.

1 July. I put in my answer to Armstrong's bill, before a Master in Chancery.

3. I set forwards for Yorkshire in the coach, with my sister Ramsden, and gott home 6 same.

13. I was at Leeds sessions, and upon dispute about our assessments to poor in Yeadon was referred to Robert Snawden, George Richardson, Thomas Dobson, Robert Leach, senior, to examine the same, and view our lands and tenements, and report

* Sir George Savile, of Thornhill, Bart., created Marquess of Halifax in 1682, was first cousin once removed, of the half blood, to the Countess of Montefeltre, whose brother, John Savile, was rector of Thornhill from 1671 to 1701, which would increase the intimacy. Possibly the Countess lived at Thornhill Rectory.

the matter to next sessions. The court declared they would not meddle with the leys.

24. The said referrers mett and viewed the lands of John Marshall, and most of Vid. Ward's, and also Christopher Hird's, and Joshua Collier's.⁴¹

1 August. I went to York Assise, and on the fist came homeward with Mr. Hick,⁴² and in our way called to see Mr. Thomson,⁴³ who at that time lay sick of a rumatisme.

19 August. Mr. Husband, his lady and son, with one Mrs. Trotter, came to Eshall, and staide till Tusday, 22nd, then went for Westmoreland, and I lent him a bay horse to ride on, called "Jockey."

1 September. Delivered Mr. William Bradley a bill of exchange for 300*l.*, drawn by myselfe upon Mr. Richard Husband, payable to Bryan Nevill, Esqr., or order, at six days after sight, and if paid, to be accounted in parte of 1000*l.* due to Sir William Ramsden,⁴⁴ upon the mortgage of Culverley.

Sent a letter to Mr. Husband's clerke, to advertise him of it, and heard nothing after, so believes 'twas paid.

20 September. Robert Snawden, George Richardson,⁴⁵ Tho-

" Joshua Collier was buried at Guiseley church, on the 24th of November, 1699, his two children, Joshua and Mary, having been buried on the 16th. He was overseer at the time of his death, and his widow renders his accounts in the year following. The Rev. Jeremy Collier was a member of the same family. In his memoir it is stated that his father "was born at a place called Yeadon, near Bradford in Yorkshire." The historian is buried in St. Pancras old church-yard, London. The Rev. Robert Collyer, D.D., the popular New York minister, is said to be descended from this family.

" i.e. Hitch.

" Henry Thompson, of Escrick, Esq.

" Sir William Ramsden, of Byram and Longley Hall, second baronet (and son of Sir John Ramsden), was baptiz'd at Brotherton, 22 Oct., 1672, died 27th June, 1736, and was buried at Brotherton. Will dated 10 April, 1781, proved 10 June, 1737. Married Elizabeth, second daughter of John, Viscount Lonsdale, and sister and co-heiress of Henry, 3rd Viscount Lonsdale.

" George Richardson, of Woodhall, in Calverley, was the fourth son of Richard Richardson, of Bradford and Bierley. He was born 8 July, 1644, mar. Sarah, d. of Richard Langley, of Priestley Green, par. Halifax, gent., died 1 Oct., was buried at Bradford, 5 Oct., 1696. His widow was buried at Bradford, 7 Sept., 1709. His grandson [only surviving male issue], was buried at St. Clement's Danes, London, 16 Sept., 1748, a.p., and intestate. At Woodhall, on an old door head (now removed from its original position, to the lodge at the Leeds road entrance) are the initials of George Richardson and his wife:—G R S and the date 1695.

mas Dobson, and Robert Leach, mett again this day, about the asseesments to poor in Yeadon referred to them, and viewed Joshua Collier's lands at Stone top, my mother's, and John Baildon's; but did not make any new rates, for they could not find out how to do it more equally.

24. Mr. Husbands and wife returned out of Westmoreland to Eshall, and stayed till Thursday, then went to my brother Wade's, where they stayed till Saterday afternoone, and went for Mansfield: my brother and I went with them to Leeds, then sent Sheperd with them to Mansfield. Mr. Husband left, with 10*l.* of his owne money, and 50*l.* which he received of my sister Ramsden, which she had borrowed of him at London, but did not give her in the bond, for it was at London.

4 October. I went to Adwalton,⁴⁶ and did my fealty to the Queene Doweger⁴⁷ for my lands at Calverley, which are held of the honour of Pontifract; and paid to Mr. Warrener, the steward, for fees, 5*s.*, and to the balif, 4*d.*

8 October. Reckoned with Dr. Brearey⁴⁸ for all dues arrear for lands in Yeadon, and he reckoned for eleven years arrear, after the old customary payments in Mr. Moor's⁴⁹ book, made by Mr. Thompson, vitz., for calfo, milk, hay, &c., 5*s.* per annum, for the feeding pasture, 5*s.* per annum, and for the mills, 6*s.* 8*d.* per annum, and was paid after that rate for the eleven years now last past, vitz., 9*l.* 3*s.*, and gave a receipt for it.

16 October. The trustees for Oteley free school mett and elected my Lord Fairfax,⁵⁰ Mr. Dyneley,⁵¹ and myselfe to be trustees, instead of my old Lord Fairfax (*blank*), and my father, deceased, and on the

21 October, ejusdem, I went to Oteley, and did consent to the

⁴⁶ Adwalton, in the township of Drighlington. par. of Birstal, and liberty of Pontefract, 5 m. from Bradford.

⁴⁷ Katherine of Braganza, widow of King Charles the Second.

⁴⁸ Dr. Brearey was rector of Guiseley. See page 48, note 19.

⁴⁹ Robert Moore was rector of Guiseley for 68 years, being presented to the living in 1581. Will dated 22 July, 1642, pr. 7 Oct., 1644.

⁵⁰ Thomas, 5th Lord Fairfax, son of Henry, 4th Lord Fairfax, by Frances, d. and h. of Sir Robert Barwick, of Toulston. His father died in April, 1688.

⁵¹ John Dyneley, of Bramhope, Esq., J.P., bp. at Otley, 4 Feb., 1662-3, bur. at Bramhope 28th same. Will dated 8 March, 1713-14, proved at York, 20 Nov., 1714.

election, and was entred a feoffee or trustee, and had a short oath administred me, concerning the trust, before Mr. Fawkes,⁵² Mr. Hitch, and Mr. Fairfax,⁵³ of Menston : Mr. Fawkes administered me the oath, and entred my election down in the book which is kept with the schoolmaster.⁵⁴

[About October, 1693, or sometime after, we agreed with the townsmen of Yeadon⁵⁵ to pay to the constable leys,⁵⁶ and that our proportion should be the same as to the poor, saving that my mother should have 1s. abated at every single payment out of her demesnes, for that she was charged too hard for them, and in respect of the casualties of her mills, &c. So [she] is to pay at an assessment to the poor 8s. 4d., and, to the constable, only 7s. 4d.]⁵⁷

25 October. Sir Nicholas Sherburn, of Stonyhurst, came to Esholt, and dined here this day : and [I] had the articles sealed per Hugh Sherburn about the way down the grounds, shown to him, and [he] perused them, and took good observation, and one of the R. Sherburn's that was witness to the articles he owned to be his grandfather's hand, and the said Hugh Sherburn that signed them to be his hand [that was his great uncle] ; and so one Barton, that was his steward, said he believed them to be, for that it was the perfect hand they used to other things. Whereupon he declared he was satisfyed he had no right of way for his tenants, and intreated my mother to be kind to them, and let them passe upon leave.⁵⁸ And further, the said Sir Nicholas, when he departed, called to young Thomas Lambert, and charged him as his bayliffe, to tell his tenants of Upper Esholt⁵⁹ that they

⁵² Thomas Fawkes, of Farnley, Esq., M.P. for Knaresborough. He died 7 Aug., 1707, and was buried at Otley.

⁵³ Thomas Fairfax, of Menston, Esq., was the s. and h. of Colonel Charles Fairfax, of Menston, by Mary, d. of John Brearey, of Menston, gent. Thomas was aged 38 at the date of Dugdale's Visitation (4 April, 1666). He was bap. at Otley, 31 July, 1628. He m. Eleanor, d. of James Hinchcliffe, of Kirkstall Abbey.

⁵⁴ See "Concerning the election of a schoolmaster at Otley, 1686-7."—*Add. MS.*, 27,411, No. 188. The old book.

⁵⁵ Yeadon, a township in the parish of Guiseley, near Otley.

⁵⁶ *Ley* or *lays*.—Assessments.

⁵⁷ Inserted on an otherwise blank page, opposite the context.

⁵⁸ See under date 15 Aug., 1705.

⁵⁹ Esholt is in the parish of Guiseley.

had no way down Madam Calverleys's grounds but through leave, and that he hoped she would let them passe, if they behaved themselves civilly to her. And this he said was in respect of some agreement [which he had now seen, but did not know of before], which was made between some of his ancestors and the Thomson's.⁶⁰ Witness, William Horn. And further, Sam. Hemingway went to shew him the way down Calverley meadows to the

" The Diarist inherited the Esholt estates from his mother, Frances, who was the sole heiress of Henry Thompson, of Esholt, Esq. They had been granted, along with Bromfield rectory and manor, co. Cumberland, to Henry Thompson, *gen. d'Arms* to the king, by Henry the Eighth, in exchange for the Maison-de-Dieu, at Dover, which had been given to him as a reward for his gallant services at the siege of Boulogne. [See 10th *Rept. Dep. K. Pub. Rec.* Inventory of Grants of Abbey Lands. Particulars of Sale, and Woods, Demeunes, &c., 6 membranes]. By Ellen, daughter of Lawrence Townley, of Barnside, near Colne, he had a son, Wm. Thompson, living 1585, who inherited Esholt, who died intestate, and of whom administration was granted, 15 May, 1612, to John Wilson, clerk. Henry Thompson and Dorothy Stanhope were married 18 June, 1637, at St. Cuthbert's, York, and their daughter Frances was baptised at Otley, 14 November, 1639. Administration of Henry Thompson, of Esholt, who had 120*l.* in Bradford, Yorkshire, was granted 26 September, 1665, by the Prerogative Court of York.

The following particulars of the Thompsons of Esholt are given in *Add. MS.*, 27,412, foli. 217 and 217. There is mentioned a Grant of Arms by Lawrence Dalton, Norroy, to Henry Thompson. William, in Queen Elizabeth's time, married Dorothy, the daughter of Christopher Anderton, of Lostock, in Lancashire, and had issue, Christopher, Edward, and other children. Christopher, in king James' time, married Frances, daughter of Mr. Thwaites of Marston, and died during his children's minorities. His widow was afterwards married to Walter Stanhope, of Horsforth, co. York. Christopher's eldest son, Henry, was baptised at Marston (1602). He married Dorothy, daughter of Walter Stanhope, of Horsforth, and had a daughter Frances, the one who was married to Walter Calverley, Esq., father of the diarist. "The last Henry had a grievous accident befall him at York, through one Beiston, his servant, drawing his sword in the street, and cutting out Mr. Blackiston into the brains, so that he was hardly saved alive. 1000*l.* damages was recovered against Mr. Thompson for it, and he, to avoid payment, and for security of his estate, made over his lands at Esholt to Mr. Stanhope, and went to live in Cumberland, till the matter was taken up. And after the jury, was attainted; but he was sore put to it to get his estate again from Stanhope, and was not quite loosed till later end of Mr. Calverley's time, after Stanhopes had gotten vast sums out of it." "In the last Henry Thompson's minority, the Long Ing and Alcock Royd (part of Esholt), by Thwaites, Gascoigne, Fairfax, and other trustees, were sold for payment of debts and children's portions. But a third part of the Long Ing was purchased again by Walter Calverley, son of Walter by Frances the heiress of Thompson."—See *Burn and Nicholson*, II, p. 167, as to Bromfield. Esholt. *Dugdale's Monasticon*, ed. Caley, V., 469.

mill, and when he departed from him, he wished the said Sam. Hemingway to present his service to his master and mistresse, and tell his mistresse that he hoped she would not use his tenants worse for his submissiveness, but let them have way down the grounds as they had formerly [meaning upon leave.—*Note in margin*].

28 October. Mr. Arthington,⁶¹ Mr. Ferrand,⁶² and Mr. Stanhope,⁶³ mett about our assessments to the poor of Yeadon, and determined them : my mother to be for all her lands in her own occupation, and mills, 8s. 4d. ; John Baildon, 1s. 4d. ; Joshua Collier, for own and Stone top, 3s. 11d. ; Christopher Hird, for own and William Dawson's, 2s. 10d. ; John Marshall, 3s. 2d. ; Widdow Ward, 3s. 2d. ; and all others as [they] were in the new assessments lately made, saving 2d. added to Samuel Cowper, my mother's tenant ; but Mr. Ferrand declared my mother ought to be 8s. 4d., in regard she paid no leys, els if she had paid leys, perhaps deserved not to be so much, and Mr. Stanhop did not concerne himself with it, but did with the others.

17 January, 1693-4. We invited to Esholt my Lady Hawkesworth,⁶⁴ Sir Walter,⁶⁵ Mr. Vavasour,⁶⁶ and his lady, Mr. Hitch, and his lady, young Mr. Hitch, and Mr. Geldart,⁶⁷ Mr. Wade and wife, Mrs. Kirke, Mr. Nevill, who came this day and staied two nights with us : Mrs. Layton⁶⁸ came also, but went home again this day.

⁶¹ Cyril Arthington, Esquire, J.P., F.R.S., built the hall at Arthington, before 1712 (Thoresby). His will and codicil are among the Calverley papers in the British Museum.—Add. MS., 27,410, Nos. 255 and 260. They are dated 1716 and 1723.

⁶² Benjamin Ferrand, Esquire, of Harden Grange, was aged 41 in 1665, at which date his father entered the pedigree at Dugdale's Visitation. He mar. Martha, d. of Edward Brooksbank, of Wilsden, and by her had four sons and as many daughters. He was buried at Bingley, 14 Feb., 1699-1700.

⁶³ John Stanhope, Esquire, of Horsforth, barrister-at-law, of Gray's Inn, married Hannah, daughter and heiress of Leon. Horseman, Esq., and died in June, 1694, aged 63. His widow afterwards married Captain Henry Beale, and died 18 August, 1708.

⁶⁴ Lady Hawkesworth was the eldest daughter and co-heiress of John Aycough, of Osgodby, only son of Sir William Aycough, of Osgodby.

⁶⁵ Sir Walter Hawkesworth, one of Sir Walter Calverley's most intimate friends.

⁶⁶ William Vavasour, son of Sir Maugor, of Weston.

⁶⁷ John Geldart, of Wigginton, Com. Ebor., Esq.

⁶⁸ Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Layton, of Rawden.

Mem. In this last Christmas, I was two nights at Mr. Hitch'e's, and two nights at Hawkesworth, and my sister Ramsden [was] with me at Hawkesworth.

27 January, 1693-4. Mr. Robert Thomlinson⁶⁸ came to Esholt, and staid there till 14 February, after, and then went to Armley, and from thence to Mr. Ramsden's, and so on his journey for Somersetshire. At his going away [I] sold him my spotted bay gelding for [blank], and he rid up of him; and left a little pacing mare which his man rid on, and desired me to send her to his father's in Cumberland.

26 February, 1693-4. My brother Wade and sister went towards London, and this morning at New Grange,⁷⁰ before he went away, [we] stated our accompt to 2nd February, instant, by which I was indebted to him 1000*l.*, and [we] signed [the] two sides of it mutually, and I gave him a bill to receive 60*l.* of Mr. Husband for the interest of the *Ml.* from 7 April, 1693, to 7 April, 1694, and had a receipt for it the night before. Nothing put in our accompt for the said last intrest.

10 March, 1693-4. I went to Rippon fair, and staid there till Wednesday, and then went to York Assizes, and was excused of the Grand Jury by Mr. Golton,⁷¹ the under-sheriffe.

17 March, 1693-4. I was served with a subpoena in Caur *adversus* Vaughan and *al.*, which Mr. Gargrave delivered me in the Castle garth.

29 March, 1694. Went to Pontefract fair, and there sold "Jockey" for 8*l.* 10*s.*, and after, made a handicap with Mr. Vavasor, between my little stoned horse "Lowther," and a gray gelding of his, for which he is to have 14*l.* in exchange.

* Rev. Robert Thomlinson, son of Richard Thomlinson, of Allonby, Prebendary of St. Paul's, London, (of Somersetshire, 1693?) Rector of Whickham, 1712, being then D.D., died 24 March, 1747-8, aged 79. M.I. at Whickham. Benefactor to Allonby, built chapel and school and gave 200*l.* to Wigton, College of Matrona, 500*l.*, Queen's College, Oxford, 100*l.*, St. Edmund Hall, 200*l.*, a large and valuable library to the corporation of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to accommodate which, Sir Walter Blackett (son and heir of the Diarist), built a handsome edifice on the south side of St. Nicholas' church.

⁷⁰ The residence of Mr. Wade, in Headingley, near Leeds. The house was built by Benjamin Wade, Esq., in 1626, and re-built by Walter Wade, Esq., in 1752.

⁷¹ Christopher Goulton, attorney-at-law.

Easter Day, 8 April, 1694. Tendered by Samuel Hemingway, in the parish church of Otley, according to custome, 6s. 8d., one moiety whereof to the Savills, &c., and the other to Nevill, &c., for the corn tythe of my mother's demesne lands in Hawkesworth, for the year last past. Also, tendred more by him, 1l. 18s. 4d., for five years arrears last before Easter Day, 1693 : but no body [was there] to receive them. See the note of the tender.⁷²

12 Aprill. I sold Mr. Pemberton "Pinch Jewell," for which he is to give me 4l.

14 Aprill. I mett Sir William Rainsden at the "George,"⁷³ in Leeds, when he gave in his answer to Longvill bill before Mr. Pearby, and one William Ratclif his clark : and he having given me notice to get the money ready against Midsummer, was willing to forbear it till Martinmas, at which time I promised he should have it.

27 Aprill, 1694. Was at a christening at Mr. Baynes',⁷⁴ of Knowstropp,⁷⁵ where Sir William Lowther⁷⁶ and I stood godfathers for his son William, and I gave the midwife a guiney, 10s. to the nurse, and 10s. to the housekeeper. Godmother, Mrs. Fairfax.

8 May, 1694. Henry Wade, fourth son of my brother Wade, died at Otley about 11 at night, and was buried there 11th.

11. I sett forwards for Cumberland, and had with me Mr. Writhill (?) who went to see that countrey. I stayed till the 23, then came back in three days. At the same time I brock up house keeping there,⁷⁷ and turned away all my servants, except

⁷² A similar entry is for some time of annual occurrence in the book.

⁷³ The "George" is an ancient hostelry, still standing, at the foot of Briggate, and not far from Leeds Bridge.

⁷⁴ Robert Baynes, Esq. (who died 17th August, 1697), was the son of Adam Baynes, Esq., elected M.P. for Leeds in 1654.

⁷⁵ Knostrop, or Knowsthorpe, is in the parish and borough of Leeds. The Baynes family resided in an old house here for ten generations. "In it," says Dr. Whitaker, "is perhaps the latest specimen of a dais, or raised step for the high table, which is to be found in England."

⁷⁶ Sir William Lowther, M.P., J.P., and Deputy-Lieutenant for the West Riding, of Swillington, was born near Leeds parish church, in 1639. He was M.P. for Pontefract in 1675, appointed high-sheriff of Yorkshire in 1691, and died in December, 1705.

⁷⁷ The inconvenience of having to manage an estate at so great a distance from home, caused it to be sold by degrees. The counterparts of some of the deeds of sale are now in the British Museum.

John Cape, who[m] I hired for halfe a year, and am to give him 2s. per weke. At the same time I bought 3 cows and a mare, which I left at Kesick, besides thritene beace⁷⁸ which Shepard bought.

31. I went to Crowstone⁷⁹ to make an end with Mr. Ramsden about my sister's thirds, for she sayd he had promised her 120[L] a year for four years, by par, but he denied it, and sayd it was only for the time to come that he promiced it; however, I pressed him very much to mak an end, and tould him how enconvenient it was to have such accounts; but he tould me he cared not, and that Jackson's accounts came not to so much, and he was resolved to loose nothing at her; however [he] profred to give me bond to pay her what would be due upon those accounts.

4 June, 1694. Set forwards for London, and went into the York coach at Ferribridge, and got thither 7 *ejusdem*.

20 June, 1694. Writings⁸⁰ executed from Countesse of Montfeltre, Henry Savile, and Anne Savile, and also from Mrs. Mynn, to me, after purchase money paid, which came to, *in toto*, with intrest, about 661*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*, of which paid Mrs. Mynn, at Mr. Smith's chamber, an old lawyer in the Middle Temple, at whose chamber the deeds were sealed, 460*l.* in money, and delivered a bill of Mr. Benson on Mr. Smith and Spinko, 200*l.*, which was accepted for 660*l.*, though but about 646*l.* of it due to her from Saviles; but she paid back the overplus to Mr. Savile, and Mr. Savile had also the other odd money, above 660*l.* paid to himselfe: and thereupon [*the*] writings [*were*] sealed, and all things fully concluded betwixt us. Testes to the deeds, Mr. Richard Husband, one Zechariah Scott (servant to one Mr. Smith, in Fanchurch Street, who received the money for Mrs. Mynn), Gervas Clough (clarke to Mr. Smith), and Sam. Hemingway: and after, had a letter of attorney signed, to collect the arrears, dated about 2 July, 1694. Testes Thomas Fisher (servant to Mr. Savile), and Sam. Hemingway. It had cost me 10*l.* and upwards about drawing the deeds.

30 June. At London. Gave in my answer at suit of

⁷⁸ A common pronunciation of "beasts," i.e., cattle, in the West Riding.

⁷⁹ Crowstone is Crosstone in the parish of Halifax.

⁸⁰ For the purchase of the Calverley great tithes. The Rectory was granted by James II. to William Vernon and Christopher Naylor, who were acting for Sir George Savile.

Vaughan and Armstrong : though 'twas said Armstrong was dead before.

5 July, 1694. Am to be excused of Grand Jury next Assizes, pro 10*s.* given to Mr. Golton, under sheriff.

9 July. Set forward from London in Mansfield coach, and got home 13 same.

10 September, 1694. Sett forwards from Esholt for Cumberland, and gott thither 14. Mr. Dickins and Mr. Graham with me. This time I was in Cumberland [I] had profered for all my estate there, by parson Thomlinson,⁶¹ 1600*l.*, and for Langrigge solely, by Mr. Lawson,⁶² of Brayton, 780*l.*, and for Kelsicke and Dundraw, by Mr. Pattison,⁶³ of Penreth, 820*l.*

15 November, 1694, a quarter of an hour after six, being Thursday at evening, my sister Wade was brought to bed of a girle, which was baptized Thursday following by Mr. Emysen, being 22nd, and [she] was named Frances, after my mother. My couzen Stanhope, of Leeds, sister Ramsden, and [my]selfe stoud surtys, Mrs. Stanhope stoud for my mother, who gave her money to give the nurse and midwife.

20 November, 1694. Memorandum. That the sawing of bords, esh, or oak, is worth a penny a yard, being a foot broad, or [blank] a rood, that is, seven yards square. And that the making of tenant dores [*tenons*] is reckoned worth 1*s.* And that making of wood windows that are a yard high, and 13 or 14 inches wide, are worth eight pence.⁶⁴

25 January. Received a letter from Mr. Pattison, of Penrith, wherein he offers me 840*l.* for Dundraw and Kelsick.

31 January. I went from Esholt, towards London, with William Hare, and got thither 3 February, and lodged at Mrs. Holstead's, in Lincoln's Inn Fields, for which I paid after the rate of 20*s.* a week, and 3*d.* for lodging.

In April, 1695, I was taken with the measles, which kept me within doors for almost a fortnight.

⁶¹ See before.

⁶² Wilfrid Lawson, of Brayton, second son of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Baronet, by Jane, daughter of Sir Edward Musgrave, of Hayton, Baronet.—*Burn and Nicholson*, II., 96, 97, 158.

⁶³ See *Burn and Nicholson*, II., 404.

⁶⁴ These memorandæ are on a fly-leaf of the MS.

About 15 June, 1695. At London. I mett Mr. Pattison, and we had some discourse about Dundrow tythe and Kelsick, for which he offered me 850*l.*, but, because I had builded a new barn at Dundrow lately, I asked 900*l.*

17 June. We set forwards from London in Wakefeild coach, and got to Newgrange the 20th, and home day after.

8 July. Went to York Assizes, where I should been of the Grand Jury, but gott excused by the undersheriff, and returned the 12th July, *ejusdem*.

19 July. Went to Leeds Sessions, where I took the oath of a Justice of Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire.

27 July. Mr. Husband and wife came to Eshall, thair sone and cozen mett them heare, where thay staid till 5th of August, then went for Kirby Lonsdale. I lent them my bay Cumberland maire. The same day I went with Mr. Pemberton to Middlebrough, where we baited, then to Manchester, where we staid all night. Next day went to Buckstones. 2 of August, we left Buckstones and went to Maklesfelld, where we baited, then to Holmes chapel, where we staid all night; next day to Chester; fourth day we dined with the Bishope: in the afternoone went to se my Lady Calverley, Sir Hugh Calverley's¹ widow, the next

¹ Sir Hugh Calveley, of Lea, in Cheshire, Knt., the last descendant of the renowned Sir Hugh Calveley so often mentioned by Froissart and other early chroniclers, as a commander of Free Companies, was, at the time of his decease, wishful to settle his estates upon Henry Calverley, grandfather of Sir Walter Calverley, the Diarist. He wrote to him as follows, under date 17 February, 1647-8. "To his much honored friend Mr. Caulverley, of Caulverley, Esq. In his absence to bee opened by his wife or sonne only.

Sir,—I find my selfe very weake in body to what formerly I have been, and desire to settle my lands uppon your name, being the same in substance with my owne. I have good affection to your family, and desire that you and your grandchild (*sic*) will com over to me with what convenient speed you may. And shall acquaint you with my estate and intentions, and with what you shall doe and what receave by your assured friend, HUGH CALVELEY. Lea, February 17th, 1647."

Particulars of Sir Hugh's estate were furnished to Henry Calverley, about this time, and the documents containing them are to be seen in Add. MS. 27,411, foll. 21, &c. The arrangements were in a very forward condition, when they were, owing to the unsettled state of the country, finally abandoned. Sir Hugh Calveley, of Lea, Knt., was born 20 March, 1613-4, knighted when sheriff of Cheshire, in 1642, died 4 April or 4 May, 1648, without issue. His second wife, whom he married between 1642 and 1648, was Mary, daughter of Sir Gilbert Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, co. Lancaster, who survived him for nearly sixty years, and died in 1705. Her will is dated 21 July, 1701, as that of

day we left Chester, and bated at Warrington, and lay that night at Manchester; next day, being [*the*] 6th of August, we got home.

28th August. I sett forwards for Cumberland, and took with me Thomas Sheppard, and returned home again 16 September following. For some part time I staid there, had Mr. Husband's company, of London; and all the time Mr. Stephen Husband's, son of Mr. Tempest Husband, of Kirkby Lonsdale. [*At the*] same time when I was there, [*I*] sold to Mr. Cuthbert Osmotherley,...of Langrigg, my tythes of Langrigg, with the tythe barne and two acres of land, for 880*l.*, and sealed [*the*] articles thereof about 10th September, 1695, for executing the writings, and payment of the money, as is therein mentioned.³

During [*the*] same time [*I*] sold Mr. John Patteson, of Penreth, my house and lands and tythe hay in Kelsicke, and all my tythes in Dundraw, Moorraw, and tythe barne and lands, for 880*l.*, and [*the*] articles thereof [*were*] agreed about [*at the*] same time⁴ with the other for executing the deeds and payment of the money as is therein contained, and [*I*] also had one guiney in earles, which is to be no part of the consideration.

12 September. During my stay there, [*I*] granted to John Hayton, of Vringill, and his heirs, by deed, a rent-charge of 8*s.* 6*d.* yearly, issuing out of his lands, &c., for which he gave me 10*l.*, but because my mother had requested me to do it, I gave it him all back again.

Mem. At the Sessions, 11 October. [We] were over-ruled

the Hon. Lady Mary Calveley, was proved at Chester, 30 May, 1705. Mr. J. P. Earwaker has obligingly looked into it, and finds that she desires to be buried in the same vault at Bunbury, in which her husband was interred. She does not mention any person of the name of Calveley or Calverley, but leaves legacies of pictures, &c., to members of her own family, the Houghtons, and also bequeaths various sums of money to the poor of various Cheshire parishes.

Sir Hugh Calveley's Inventory is dated 1648.—*Index of Wills*, Record Society, p. 48.

³ Articles of agreement whereby Walter Calverley, of Calverley, co. York, covenants to convey to Cuthbert Osmotherley of Langrigg, co. Cumberland, and others. the tithes and titheable lands of Langrigg. Dated 10 August, 1695. —*Add. Charter*, 17,193, Brit. Mus. See *Burn and Nicholson*, II., 164, 165, 171.

⁴ Counterpart of an indenture of sale, from Walter Calverley, of Calverley, co. York, to John Patteson, of Penreth, co. Cumberland, of a messuage and lands in the parish of Brumfield. Dated 15 Oct., 1695. *Add. Charter*, 17,194, Brit. Mus. John Patteson was an attorney-at-law. *Burn and Nicholson*, II., 404.

about our leys in Yeadon. I took the oaths at the said Sessions, after I delivered in a certificate of my receiving the Sacrament.

13 October. Went from home towards Kirkby Lonsdale, and, day after, mett Mr. Patteson there, who brought with him Mr. Lawson's bond, of Brayton, whereupon he had paid 500*l.*, and, 15th *eiusdem Octobre*, I executed the deeds of lease and release, bargain and sale, to him, of all my lands, tythes, tenements, &c., in Kelsicke, Dundrowe, and Moor Rowe (pursuant to the articles of agreement), at the house of Richard Preston, in Kirkby Lonsdale: what I sealed to him was a deed of lease for one year, and then a deed of release, bargain, and sale, of the reversion and inheritance, wherein was also included an assignment of the lease made to Dundrow men, but no bond for performance: also a letter of attorney to Mr. Patteson, to enable him to receive the rent of Dundraw men, and for default of payment to sue in my name, saving me harmlesse. And I executed a counterpart of the reconveyance to him, and the lease and bond from Dundrawe men was put into Mr. Knowles' hands, that if he did not pay the money at the time, I might have them again for my better security. The articles are to remain uncancelled till I procure a release from my mother of all her right, &c. Mem. He has a copy of the deeds to declare the uses of a fine leavyed by my mother: and I left copy of letters patents with him, which he is to copy over and send to Mr. Knowles of Kirby Lonsdale, to be returned me again.

21 October, 1695. I went to Mr. Ramsden's of Crowstone, and, day after, stood surety for his son at his christening, who was named Joseph; and Mr. William Horton stood with me, and Mrs. Judith Finch⁴ the godmother. Mr. Ashton baptized him. And I gave to the midwife, 20*s.*, and to the nurse, 20*s.*, and amongst the servants in the house, 16*s.*

7 November. I went to see my Lord Fairfax at Denton, and day after mett him at Otley, with divers of the neighbouring gentlemen, and dined there.

* Mrs. Judith Finch, the wife of Joseph Finch, Esq., of Westonhanger, co. Kent, was the daughter of William Horton, Esq., of Barkisland Hall, co. York, Elizabeth Finch, her daughter, was married to Thomas Ramsden, of Crowstone, par. Halifax, Esq., at York Minster, 17 April, 1692, and after the death of her husband, in 1698, she was married secondly, to Sir Richard Musgrave, baronet, of Hayton Castle, co. Cumberland. She died in 1714, leaving two sons, Richard and William.—*Burn and Nicholson*, II, 155.

11 November. Mr. Wade, Mr. Vavasour, Mr. Dineley, and Mr. Robert Hitch came and dined with me at Esholt this day.

11 November. Mr. Ramsden came over to Esholt, and we set all things straight betwixt him and me.

20 November. Went from home for London, and, morning after, went into Wakefield coach, and got thither 27 November, *eiusdem*. Took William Hare with me.

Wednesday, 22 January, 1695/6. Set forwards down from London in the Wakefield coach, and got home 30 January, where I found Mr. Osmotherley and his partners of Langrigge, who came thither the day before, being 29 January, and they paid me in part of their purchase, 27*l.*, and gave me bonds *pro payment* of 52*l.* more, with interest, on Lady-day, 1697.

March, 1695/6. Sould to one Jowett, of Bradford, all the trees growing against Waller house, at Calverley, for 6*d.* in hand, and 2*s. 6d.* more to be paid at May-day next.

March. Acted this moneth upon the land tax in Morley for this year. The first time, we mett at Hallifax, and the two other times at Bradford; and at the former meeting at Bradford where present, myself, Mr. Stanhope, Mr. Ramsden, Dr. Richardson, Mr. Midgley, Captain Rooks, Mr. Hooke, Mr. Rossendale, and Mr. Hutton.

25 March, 1696. Was at the funerall of old Mr. Barker,¹ of Otley, where I had a pair of gloves and a scarfe given.

9 May. I was at Scout Hall, at the funerall of Mr. Mitchall.² He was buried at Halifax; and [I] had a pair of gloves and a scarfe.

3 June. I was at the funerall of old Mr. Nevile,³ of Holbeck, and had a scarf and pair of gloves given me. That day

¹ Edmund Barker, gen., was buried at Otley, 25 March, 1696.

² "Mr. John Mitchell, of Scout, bur. Halifax, May 9, 1696, aged 87, shortened his time."—*Heywood's Register*, ed. J. H. Turner, 188, p. 84.

³ Gervase Nevile, of Holbeck, Esq., first mayor of Leeds under the charter of James II. His eldest son, and heir, William Nevile, of Holbeck, Esq., was high sheriff of Yorkshire in 1710. He married Bridget, daughter of Walter Calverley, sister of the Diarist, and widow of John Ramsden, of Crowstone, Esq. (See page 4). He died, *s.p.*, 23 April, 1718 (see *Mem. Book* under that date). William's brother, the Rev. Gervase Nevile, vicar of Bingley, co. York, succeeded to the Holbeck and Chevet estates. He also died *s.p.*—See Thoresby's *Ducatus Leod.*, p. 184; and Whitaker's *Loid. et Elm.*, p. 388.

I should have been at Bradford, upon a sitting for Mr. Pemberton's small tythes, but got Mr. Wade to be there in my room.

10 June, 1696. Went to the funeral of one of Mrs. Fairfax's daughters,⁴ of Burley, and had a pair of gloves given.

15 June, 1696. Was at Calverley, upon a sitting for Mr. Rawson['s]⁵ small tythes, and there was, besides myself, Mr. Stanhope, and upon proofs, evidences, and confessions, gave judgement against ten persons, all living in Idle and Bolton; there was one Craven summoned, about a mill in Bolton, but [we] gave no judgement against him, for he and the vicar consented to referr it to Mr. Butler, though Benjamin Sandall⁶ was there, and offered to give oath that Craven paid his father 6s. for it per annum, as composition, during his time.

27 July, Monday. Went to York Assizes, and took with me Anthony Wade and Samuel Hemingway. Set up my horses at the Talbot,⁷ in Petergate, but lodged at a private house, one Mrs. Brown's, over the way. Staid there five daya. . . . It might cost me at that Assizes, near 4*l.*, besides what I paid for my lodging rooms, vitz., for my own room, 5*s.*, and for bed for men, 1*s.* 6*d.*

That Assizes [I] was one of the jury about the way through Hawkesworth in Mr. Dickens' possession, but there was no prosecution, so it went by default for Mr. Dickens. Mr. Dickens afterwards treated us at the Talbot, 30 July, 1696.

Was also of a special jury between Mr. Dade⁸ and Mr.

⁴ Mrs. Frances Fairfax, of Burley, buried, 10 June, 1696. (Otley Register).

⁵ William Rawson, A.B., inst. Vicar of Calverley, 17 July, 1693, died 3 May, 1715, set 68.

⁶ Son of Benjamin Sandall, M.A., who was inst. vicar of Calverley, 22 July, 1662, and was buried 15 Nov., 1688. He was a native of Idle, par. Calverley.

⁷ The Talbot was in Low Petergate. It was "remarkable, not only for its extent, but also as the most antique timber building." Mr. John Shaw, Proctor, built a house on the site of part of it, which was the residence of Alexander Hunter, M.D., who practised at York from 1768 till his death, 17 May, 1809.—Hargrove's *York*, 1818, ii., 376. It is now the residence of Mrs. Shann, the widow of George Shann, Esq., J.P., M.D.

⁸ Thomas Dade (4th son of Christopher Dade, of Mosley, par. Adel, by Priscilla, his wife, daughter of the Rev. John Buckle, of Horsforth), died unmarried on the 11th day of January, 1787, in the 77th year of his age. He was buried in Calverley churchyard on the 13th of the same month. "Mr. Francis Dade, of Calverley, aged 77, buried 13th January, 1787-8." (Calverley Reg.) His tombstone is near the north-east corner of the church.

Kirk,⁹ about a way, but shortly after we were sworn, they agreed to a reference and withdrew the jury.

5 August. Was at Thomas Ward's of Tranmire,¹⁰ to meet my Lord Fairfax and others.

7 August. Went to Mr. Fawkes', to an entertainment he made for my Lord Fairfax and others.

8th August, 1696. Sir Walter Hawksworth came to Esholt, and staid here till 20 same; and during his stay went to the severall entertainments that were made.

13 August. Went to Mr. Kirk's to an entertainment he made.

18 August. Went to my Lord Fairfax's, of Denton, to an entertainment he made.

17 August. Went to Dr. Richardson's¹¹ and dined there.

21 August. Mr. Layton sent me a plate of venison, and I gave his man 5s.

19 August. My sister Wade was brought to bed of a boy; it was a little after 7 a clock in the morning. 29 following, he was baptized at New Grange, by Mr. Emison. Mr. Robinson,¹² late vicar of the old church, and myself, stood suartys, and Mr. Dickings' ant stood for my mother. He was named Walter.

26 August. I dined at Mr. Arthington's, there was my Lord Fairfax and his two sisters, Mr. Carre,¹³ with a greate deale more company.

On Thursday, *27 August.* Samuel Hemingway went into Derbyshire, to see Mrs. Nevile execute the writings about her estate in Derbyshire, and returned not again till Saturday, 5 September after. Was at Mr. Cavendishes all the time. Mrs. Nevile said she took it very unkindly that I should send any body to be witnesse of her doings, and was angry, and said he should not have been witnesse to them, but that her brother had

⁹ Thomas Kirk, of Cookridge, Esq., a well-known man in the learned circles of his day.

¹⁰ Tranmire, near Hawksworth—a few houses near a "beck." 1650, June 23. Thomas, son of Thomas Ward, of Tranmire, bap. (Otley Par. Register).

¹¹ Dr. Richardson, of Bierley Hall.

¹² The Rev. Henry Robinson, M.A., minister of St. John's, and founder of Trinity Church, Leeds, is probably meant.

¹³ This must have been Ralph Carr, Esq., of Cocken, near Durham, who married a daughter of Henry Lord Fairfax.

persuaded her. They were drawn by one Hawkins, of Burton, a counsellor; and executed on Thursday night, 3 September, 1696, and he was a witness, but not suffered to look into them. There were five parchment deeds; and Mr. Neville told him three of them were the lease, release, and counterpart, about the freehold estate, and the other two deeds about the copyhold estate and counterpart. And Mr. Nevile also sealed a bond to his mother, which he said was in 1000*l.*, for payment of 55*l.* per annum, in lieu of the copyhold estate, and he said was to have another bond of 1000*l.* from his mother, that she would pass the surrender before she went out of Derbyshire, but did not see that executed.

15th September, 1696. Mr. Nevile and my sister Rameden were married at London, as we had account by letter sent from Mr. Nevile, and dated that day.

24 September. Sir Walter Hawkesworth came to Esholt, and staid a week.

21 November. Mr. Nevile and his wife came down from London in the Wakefield coach, and I went to meet them at Wakefield. They came to Holbeck that night, and on the day after, I went and dined with them at Holbeck, and on Monday night after, being 23 November, they came to Esholt, and there came along with them their mother and uncle, and parson Nevile, and their sister Dorothy, who returned back on the Wednesday after.

9 December, 1696. My cozen Ellis came over to Esholt, and staid there till 14 same.

In January, 1696, sent a moor-game pye up to London, as a present to Mrs. Husband.

20 March, 1696. My cousin Osmotherley,¹⁴ of Langrigge, John Rapier, William Key, and Joseph Marthwaite, came to Esholt, and paid me in parte of the bonds which had been entred to me, for 527*l.* remaining due to me, upon the sale of Langrigge tythe, and intrest since 2 February, 1695; for principall for Mr. Osmotherley, William Troughear, John Rapier, Robert Barwis, William Rawlin, William Key, and John Key's widdow, 427*l.*, and for intrest, 29*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* Total, 456*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, and it was indorsed on the back of the bond, &c.

¹⁴ Cuthbert Osmotherley.

Thursday, 23 March, 1696. Paid my brother Benjamin Wade, at Esholt, the money I received above of the Cumberland people, and as much more (which I had in my own hands) as made up 667*l.* 5*s.* And he had, a while before, 10*l.*, which he sent for by his man Alexander, for Robert Dixon, made 677*l.* 5*s.*, for which he gave me a receipt, as paid in further parte of his wife's portion, and intrest due thereupon, and when I pay in the remainder is to give me a full discharge.

13 April. Paid my brother Benjamin Wade, at his own house at New Grange, in old money by weight, and new money¹⁶ and gold (but most of it gold), 200*l.*, and I delivered him a note he had signed to me for 40*l.*, which he borrowed about 16 July last, the intrest whereof came to 1*l.* 10*s.*

14 May. I went down to James Stead's, of Calverley Mill, and paid him and his wife Sarah the principal money which I had borrowed of her late husband, William Dawson, upon bond.

. It was all paid in new money and gold, a great part whereof was money I had received of Mrs. Bower day before, on two notes for money which I had lent her husband, and notes delivered in.

25 May. I stood godfather for Mr. Lyndley's first son, named Francis, for my Lord Downes; and he sent 4 guineas, whereof two [were] for the midwife, and one for the nurse, and one for the house, which I gave accordingly, and ten shillings I gave of my own in the house; and Mr. Bold stood the other godfather in the room of Mr. Horton; and Mrs. Tudor Finch was godmother.

I demised to Samuel Watterworth, Calverley Mills, for one year, from 1 May instant, for 95*l.* rent, and a note of the agreement sealed betwixt us.

16 October. Sir Walter Hawksworth sent over his man, George Smith, with a letter to give me notice his lady was brought to bed of a boy (of which she was delivered the 12th of that instant, about [blank] in the afternoon); and desired me to

" This "new money" would probably have been struck at the York mint, "in some of the rooms of the King's manor."

" 1696, Sept. 8. Pd. the Ringers when Mint began to coyne, 1*s.*"—*Some Churchwardens' Accounts of the Parish and Church of the Holy Trinity, in King's Square, York*, by C. B. Norcliffe, M.A., p. 16.

send over the dogs, which I did on Thursday after, being 21 October, per William Horn and Thomas Ambler, and on Thursday after, went over to Osgodby myself, and on the day after, stood surety for the child, with Mr. Wakefield (who represented Sir John Kay), and Mrs. Margaret Aiscough¹⁶ (my lady's sister, who stood for my Lady Hawkesworth, Sir Walter's mother). The infant was baptized by the name of Walter.¹⁷

3 January, 1697-8. Upon an invitation, there came to dine with me this day, at Esholt, Mr. Hitches, the elder and younger, Mr. Vavasour, Mr. Kirke, Mr. Dyneley, Captain Lyndley, Dr. Richardson, Mr. Banke, Parson Dade¹⁸ of Denton,¹⁹ and some others ; and staid, all of them, all night, save old Mr. Hitch and Captain Lyndley.

15 January, 1697-8. Dined all mine and my mother's tenants at Esholt, and some of our relations.

26 January, 1697-8. Went to see Mr. Ramsden, at Crowstone, [he] being very badly, and Dr. Richardson went with me ; and mein., I laid, the night before we went, and the night we came back, at Dr. Richardson's ; and, 27 January, dined at Mr. Lindley's,²⁰ at Bolling Hall, and so came home.

4 February, 1697-8. Went to the funeral of Mr. Thomas Ramsden,²¹ of Crowstone. He died of a wearing distemper, 29 January before, in the forenoon, and was buried at Eland this day. The gentlemen had gloves and rings, and the bearers, scarves besides, of whom I was one, and had also an escutcheon

¹⁶ Mrs. Margaret Ayscough, the second daughter and co-heiress of John Ayscough, of Osgodby, Esq., was married at Thirkleby, north riding of Yorkshire, 7th May, 1700, to Francis Fawkes, of Farnley, Esq., who was a J.P. for the west riding, M.P. for Knaresborough, 1718. She died 1 April, 1721, and was buried at Otley, at which place her husband was buried, November, 1747.

¹⁷ This Walter was buried 5 May, 1699, and a second Walter was bap. 23 February, 1704-5 : William, 9 November, 1699.

¹⁸ Thomas Dade was curate of Denton for some years ; became vicar of Otley in 1701, and died 25 December, 1708. One Thomas Dade was of Christ's College, Camb., A.B., 1690, A.M., 1694.

¹⁹ Denton, in the parish of Otley.

²⁰ Francis Lindley, Esq., son of William Lindley, a merchant at Hull, bought Bolling Hall of Henry Savile, Esq., in 1668.

²¹ Son of Joseph Ramsden, of Crowstone. In his will, dated 22 January, 1697-8, and proved 16 June, seq., he bequeaths to Elizabeth, his wife, "the piece of plate I won at the horse-race on Raistrick moors."—See *Yorkshire Arch. and Top. Journal*, ii., 8.

given me. My brother Nevile had onely gloves and a ring. Neither my sister, nor my mother, nor any of Mr. Wade's were invited.

7 February. I went towards London in the Wakefield coach, with Sir Walter Hawkesworth and Mr. Pemberton, and gott thither the 12th same. William Hare went with me. Sir Walter Hawkesworth had been at Esholt a week before we went up.

I and Sir Walter lodged at one Mr. Clarett's, a painter, in Lincoln's Inn fields, but he came down before me, vitz., 17^o March, but I staid till 25^o April after, vitz., in 1698, and then came down in the York coach, and gott home on the 28 April, *ejusdem*.

Same time, Mr. Longueville Mosedell, son and heir of the said Stephen Mosedell, by deeds of lease and release, bargained, sold, and released unto me, all my uncle's lands, &c., wherin he had right and title; consideration mentioned therein, 10*s.* [though was under the consideration paid to his uncle, Mr. Francis Longueville], and to [the] best of [my] remembrance, there was paid him 5 guineas by Mr. Pearson, a goldsmith in Fleet Street, over against Temple Gate, out of his uncle's money, for his journey up to London for doing it, which Mr. Pearson desired the witnesses to take notice of, his uncle being then very sick. The same witnesses to it as above, Mr. Husband included.

I had all the deeds and writings delivered [to] me, which they had in their hands.

Whilst I was at London, I heard Mr. Pemberton and Dr. Gale's tryall upon Mr. Pemberton's appeal in the House of Lords, touching the parsonage of Bedall.

21 May, 1698. I went to York, to speak to my sister Nevile about her business, and staid there till 22^o May, *ejusdem*.

2 June. Young Mr. Fairfax, of Menston,² came down to visit me at Esholt, and staid there 3 or 4 days.

7 June. The Most Reverend Father, Dr. John Sharpp, Lord Archbishop of Yorke, came through the fold at Esholt, in his way to Bradford from the visitation at Otley, and made me a complement, and said he called only to see me to know how I did, but that it was so late he could not light off horse-back;

² Menston is a village in the parish of Otley, and three miles from Esholt.

and though I urged him to take a drink, yet he said he would not drink anything; but said he was to dine at Bradford [*on the*] day after, whither he invited me. I excused myself that I was not at Otley to wait of him; and, the day after,

8 June, went to Bradford, and dined with him with divers other gentlemen, &c.

In this June, Sir Walter Hawkesworth came to Esholt, and staid here above a fortnight. One day we went to Mr. Wade's, and dined there. Dr. Richardson came to Esholt, and staid a night or two, whilst Sir Walter was here, and young Mr. Fairfax, of Menston, was here also, most of a week.

28 June. I went with Sir Walter Hawkesworth to dinner to Dr. Richardson's, at Bierley, and he went from thence to York that night, but I stayed there all night, and came home day after.

29 June. Mr. Lowther, the High Sheriff, called at Esholt (also Lord Downe, but Lord Downe went that night to Mr. Layton's,²³ to lye there), and stayed all night, and dined with me day after. The subject of their coming was to engage me to my Lord Downe's intrest against next election of knights of shire, but I excused myself, and said I had promised Sir John Kay beforo-hand, to vote for him, and make what intrest I could, and, neither in honesty nor conscience, could recede from my word.

Md., that 30 June, Sir John Kay came to Bradford, where I should have been, but that [*the*] High Sheriff staid me at home. Dr. Richardson sent me a letter to which I returned an answer that the High Sheriff staid me at home from coming, but to present my service to Sir John, and tell him the reason, and assure him I was firm for him.

2 July. At a sitting upon arrears of excise at Mr. Blaick's, in Leeds, the mayor, and Mr. Blythman also. I meddled with no complaints about leather, nor signed any warrant, but one for the accounts of the corporation.

²³ Henry Layton, of Rawden, son of Francis Layton, one of the Masters of the Jewel House to Kings Charles I. and Charles II. Rawden church was built in accordance with the will of his father, by Henry Layton, and consecrated on May 4, 1684. See *Thoresby's Diary*, &c. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Nicholas Yarburgh, of Snaith Hall, knt., who was baptized 25 May, 1647, married 18 January, 1669-70, and died without issue, . . . 1702, aged 55. *Priory and Peculiar of Snaith*, 1861, p. 65. He died 18 October, 1705, aged 82, and was buried at Rawden. For a copy of the will of Francis Layton, dated 10 April, 1688, see Slater's *Guisley*, pp. 286 *et seq.*

15 July. I was at the Generall Quarter Sessions of the peace, held at Leeds, and dined that day at the mayor's, Mr. Milner's;²⁴ and staid all night at Mr. Bank's, and came home day after.

23 July. I had notice, both from my Lord Fairfax and Sir John Kay, that the election for Knights of the Shire would be on Wednesday, the 27 same. Whereupon I made all the intrest I could to the neighbours for them, and on Tuesday, the 26^o ejusdem, I went to York; and on Wednesday, the 27 July, 1698, the election proceeded, William Lowther, of Swillington, Esq., being High Sheriffe. The candidates were my Lord Downe, Lord Fairfax, and Sir John Kay. [There] was a great resort of people, and at the desire of those that stood in election the sheriff begun to poll, and polled till Saturday night after, what time he broke upp, and declared my Lord Downe and Lord Fairfax the parliament men chosen at that election, though Sir John Kay had a great number to coine in on [the] Monday after, but the Sheriff would not be prevailed with to adjourn the court any longer.

I laid at the Talbot, and came out of York on the Friday, 29 July, ejusdem, at 6 in the afternoon, shortly after my Lord Downe and Lord Fairfax had joined intrests; though Lord Fairfax had before promised Sir John not to joyne with any one.

There went about 8 or 9 freeholders from Yeadon, most of a score from Idle, about 9 or ten from Calverley and Farsley; though I think these last came away before their polls were taken.

On Sunday, the 31 July, I sent abroad for more assistance, to go in for Sir John day after, but was too late, for that evening had notice that the Knights were already proclaimed as abovo.

4 August. Went to Mr. Vavasour's, of Weston, to christening of his son, where was a great deal of company. My Lord Fairfax and Collonel Byerley²⁵ were godfathers. The child was called William.²⁶

²⁴ William Milner, Esq., J.P., and father of Sir William Milner, Bart.—See note under date October, 1715.

²⁵ Colonel Byerley, of Goldsborough.

²⁶ This William Vavasour, whose baptism is recorded above, was the fourth son of William Vavasour, of Weston, Esq., J.P.

5 August. The assizes began, and the call for the county was on Wednesday, 10 August, in the morning. (The judges came but from Hull on the 8 of same August). I appeared at the call, and was returned of Grand Jury; and served. The foreman was Sir Thomas Pennyman;²⁷ and there served with me also,—Sir William Ramsden,²⁸ Sir William Lowther (of Marsk²⁹), Sir George Tempest, Sir Abstrupus Danby, Mr. Bright, Mr. Moyser,³⁰ Mr. Beaumont, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Benson, Mr. Wedby, Mr. Carvile, Mr. Kitchingman, and Mr. Harland, and we were discharged from attendance on the 15^o August, and [I] came home day after.

18 August. I went to Leeds, to see their proceedings on the poll, and took the oaths there, with Mr. Arthington, and, day after, 19 August, was at Mr. Bower's, of Bradford, and there appointed assessor for the poll in Morley.

23 August. Sir Walter Hawkesworth came to Esholt, and stayed till 27th, [when] he went back to Osgodby.³¹

7 October. I went to the Sessions at Wakefield.

27 October. I mett Mr. Milner and the freeholders of Pudsey, about setting out some common for the better maintenance of a minister at Pudsey, and it was agreed to inclose about 20 acres on the south side of Owlcoates hill, about 8 (or 6) acres above the Delves, and 5 acres on the Windmill Hill.

1 November. At Bradford. Mett Sir John Armitage,³² Esquire Rookes,³³ Mr. William Horton, Mr. Stanhop,³⁴ Dr. Richardson, Mr. Batt,³⁵ Mr. Milner, and Mr. Ghill, about sign-

²⁷ Sir Thomas Pennyman, Bart., of Ormsby, in Cleveland, son of Col. Sir James Pennyman, by Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Stephen Norcliffe, Esq. Sir Thomas married Frances, daughter of Sir John Lowther, of Lowther, co. Westmerland, Knight and Baronet.

²⁸ Sir William Ramsden, of Byram, married Elizabeth, second daughter of John, Viscount Lonsdale.

²⁹ Sir William Lowther, "of Marske." Query, if the same as Sir William of Great Preston, Knt., who died in 1705.

³⁰ This was John Moyser, Esq., second son of James Moyser, Esq., set 86 in 1665 [*Dugdale's Visitation*, p. 21], was buried 28 January, 1694-5, at Beverley.

³¹ Osgodby was the estate of the Ayscoughs.

³² Sir John Armitage, of Kirklees, Bart., High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1688.

³³ John Rookes, of Royds Hall, near Bradford, Esq.

³⁴ John Stanhope, of Horsforth, Esq., J.P., eldest son of John Stanhope.

³⁵ William Batt, of Okewell Hall, Birstal, Esq.

ing duplicates about Land Tax, which Mr. Roebuck brought us.

2 November. Sir Walter Hawkesworth came down to Esholt, and went a-hunting day after; and went away from Esholt on 4 *eiusdem*, morning.

26 December. I went to Dr. Richardson's, and stayed there two nights, and came by Bradford, and stayed at Mr. Emott's a night.

7 January. I was at [the] funeral of Thomas Horton, Esq. of Barkisland, who was buried at Ealand. Had a scarfe and gloves, and also a gold ring of about value of 8*s.*

13 January. My mother and I dined our tenants, &c., at Esholt—about 100 men and women.

19 January. Agreed with John Baildon²⁶ about purchase of his house and land, and articles sealed betwixt us, for which I am to give him 300*l.*, besides redeeming the Dam Ings and Deadman Reins, and to give him 10*l.* more for the absolute sale of these last. At the sealing of these articles, [I] paid him 15*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which, with 12*l.* 10*s.* paid before for him, to Mary Thornton, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to William Marshall, and 7*l.* for him to Widdow Viccars, and to himselfe at Bradford, 5*l.*, and 2*l.* 10*s.* before, made 110*l.* in parte of the consideration money I am to pay him. Md. I had no acquittance from Widdow Viccars for the 7*l.* I paid for Baildon as above.

7 February. I went with Mr. Nevile to meet Mr. William Horton and Dr. Threapland²⁷ at Bellybrigge. And there it was agreed that they should pay for my sister's thirds by part, so much money as, with what she or Mr. Nevile had received, should make 150*l.* per annum; (save for the first year after Mr. John Ramsden's death, for which she was paid intire, and not to be reckoned in this account), &c.

* William Baildon, of Esholt, yeoman, made his will 22 October, 1680. He bequeaths all his meassuage, lands, tenements, &c., in Esholt and Yeadon, to John Baildon, his son, his heirs, &c., for ever; he paying out to William Sayle, testator's son-in-law, 30*l.*, and to John Skirrow, his son-in-law, 30*l.*, and to Jeremiah Drake, another son-in-law, 20*l.* Personal estate to the said John Baildon, who is sole executor. Witnesses:—William Saile, Lawrence Bucke, and John Hudson. Proved at York.

* Samuel Threapland, of Peterhouse, Cambridge, A.M., 1678, M.D. 1682. See Heywood's *Northowram Register*, ed. J. Horsfall-Turner, 188, pp. 70, 78, 81, 233, 241. Oliver Heywood's *Diaries*, &c. He died 16 April, 1707, and was buried at Wibsey, 19 April, aged 68.

13 and 14 February. John Baildon brought and delivered to me the evidences and writings which he was to deliver me about his estate, and, if he finds any more, is to deliver them me. Md., he says the letters patents, or main purchase deeds was lost in the Warr time, but that the first who purchased (or to whom it was granted) as he takes it, was Matthew Hoppeay,^{**} who had issue or heir Edward Hoppeay, who had issue Mark Hoppeay, who had issue John Hoppeay, who had issue Elizabeth and Prudence Hoppeay, the elder of which dyed unmarried, and her share came to her sister Prudence, which was the wife of William Baildon, and mother of this John Baildon ; so that he is heir to the estate by descent from his mother.

15 February. In the morning, John Atkinson, the carrier, of Bradford, and John Turner, Mr. Ghill's clerk, came to Esholt, and John Baildon executed his writings to me of his estate at Esholt.

30 March, 1699. I went to the opening dinner at Anthony Waide's,^{**} at Lodge.^{**}

2nd May. I went to Leeds, to the Cockings, and when the race should have been, and staid two or three days. Sir Walter Hawkesworth was with me, but was sent for to Yorke on 3 May, *cujusdem*, his son being very ill. And, Md., his son^{**} (to whom I was godfather) dyed on 5 May, in the morning, and they buried him day after.

8 May. I went to the Cockings at Otley, whither Sir Walter Hawkesworth came the night before, and stayed there three days. We lost the main battell to Mr. Vavasonr.

Towards later end of May, 1699, my gray horse, which Mr. Graham and Thomas Sheppard bought at Richmond, dyed

■ Hoppy.

- 1592-3, Jan. 6. Henry, son of Matthew Hoppay, bp. at Guiseley.
- 1607, Oct. 18. John, son of Mr. Mark Hoppey, bp. at Guiseley.
- 1608, Oct. 11 Henry, son of Mr. Edward Hoppey, buried at Guiseley.
- 1621, June 10. Mr. John, son of Mr. Edward Hoppy, bp. at Guiseley.
- 1621, Dec. 15. Mr. Matthew Hoppey, buried at Guiseley.

■ " Feb. 6, 1700-1. Henry, fil. of Anthony Wade, of Calverley Lodge, bap. (Calverley Par. Reg.)

■ Calverley Lodge is a square-built house in a corner of the Lodge Wood, about a quarter of a mile from the village. It has just been restored and enlarged by Mr. James Margerison.

■ William or Walter, both of whom died in 1699.

of a swelling which he fell into, after a distemper which went amongst horses in the nature of a violent cold.

10 June. In the evening, Henry Ghill, of Eccleshill, executed to me (before Sir Walter Hawkesworth, Mr. Nevile, Mr. Emott, and Sam. Hemingway), the deeds of lease and release, made to me and Mr. Edward Stanhope, in trust, about the settlement of his lands upon himself for life, and after, to Peter Ghill and his heirs, and I laid down the 5s. for a consideration to him mentioned in the deeds. The deeds in my custody as trustee.

15 June. I and the rest of the commissioners mett at Bradford, upon the Land Tax, where we voted whether to go by the Book of Rates,⁴¹ or 3s. per pound, and was carried to go per 3s. pound, and the deficiencyes to be made up in all places where short; there being for this, myselfe, Mr. Stanhope, Mr. Ferrand, Mr. Nevile, and Dr. Richardson; and, for Book of Rates, Mr. Stern,⁴² Mr. Lister,⁴³ Mr. Swayne, and Mr. Hooke. So the warrants were delivered out according to 3s. *per lib.*, and deficiencys to be made up in all places where short. After we had voted, came Captain Lyndley and Mr. Milner, who fell into Mr. Stern part.

19 June. I lent 100*l.* to Mr. Rawson,⁴⁴ of Shipley, at interest, for halfe a year, upon a mortgage of severall of his lands in Shipley, late his grandmother Drake's⁴⁵ thirds.

⁴¹ See an article "On the Book of Rates for the West Riding of the County of York," in the *Yorkshire Arch. and Topog. Journal*, vol. i., p. 158.

⁴² Simon Sterne, Esq., J.P., was the son of Dr. Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, by Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Dickonson. Simon purchased Woodhouse, in the parish of Rastrick, for 1800*l.*, and lived there and at Elvington. He married Mary, the daughter and heiress of Sir Roger Jaques, of Elvington, Esq., by Margery, daughter of Lawrence Rawden. By her he had a son, Richard. Simon was buried at Halifax, 17 April, 1708.—See Thoresby's *Leeds*, p. 215.

⁴³ Thomas Lister, of Arnoldsbiggin, Esq., J.P., was the son of Thomas Lister, Esq., of the same place. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Parker, Esq., of Extwistle, and was buried at Gisburne in 1706.

⁴⁴ John Rawson, Esq., of Shipley, was heir to his father, William Rawson, of Shipley, and to his uncle, John Rawson, of Bradford. He married Mary, daughter and heiress of Anne (?) Swaine, of Regerthorpe, in par. Badsworth.

⁴⁵ Joseph Drake married Martha, daughter of William Pollard, of Tong, co. York, and widow of William Rawson, of Shipley, who was buried at Bradford, 7 Dec., 1661. William Rawson had issue William, who succeeded him at Shipley. This William's will dated 8 February, 1689-90, and proved at York, 22 October, 1690, mentions Martha Drake, his mother, and Joseph Drake, his father-in-law. John Rawson, the subject of the preceding note, was his eldest son, by Mary, the daughter of Thomas Lister, of Manningham.

22 June. I went to an entertainment at my cozen Stanhope's,⁴⁶ of Horsforth, being on his birthday, and at the new house⁴⁷ he had built, where there was a great resort of gentlemen and neighbours, &c.; and I sent, for a present, ten bottles of white wine, the day before, and my mother, two loaves of double refined sugar, of seaven pounds and a half weight a-piece. My brother Neville and sister were also there.

Md. This week, I sent up by John Hall, the carrier, to Mrs. Husband, two large hams of bacon, dried, and a large pot of moor game.

7 July. I was at Knaresbrough upon a commission touching the Forrest. Commissioners there were Mr. Vavasour, Mr. Fawkes, Mr. Warner,⁴⁸ besides myselfe. Mr. Breares⁴⁹ took the depositions and we dispatched that day, and closed up the commission, and that night I came to the Spaws,⁵⁰ and returned home on Sunday, 9 July *eiusdem*.

8 July (sic). I went again to the spaws to Harrowgate, and staid there till 14 same, in the morning. What time I came to Leeds to generall Quarter Sessions, and that day, vizt., 14 July, dined at Mr. Caleb Asquith's,⁵¹ the mayor, and came home to Esholt that night.

15 July. Went again (being day after Sessions), with Sir

* John Stanhope, of Horsforth, "a worthy man and a good magistrate," died Jan. 31, 1736, aged 86, and was buried at Horsforth. He had married Mary, daughter of Sir William Lowther, of Swillington, Bart.

" Horsforth Hall.

" John Warner, Esq., of Gray's Inn, afterwards of Harewell, was the son of Simon Warner, gent., of Knaresbro,' by Mary, the daughter of Peter Roun-dell, of Scriven, Esq. He was living in 1710. His granddaughter, Mary Carvel, was married to John, Viscount Dudley and Ward.

" Oliver Breres, of Hammerton, afterwards of Leeds, gent., sold Hammerton to Mr. Chetham, of Manchester, who settled it on his Blue Coat Hospital there. Oliver Breres married Ann, daughter of Christopher Fetherston, M.A., rector of Bentham, co. York, younger son of Alexander Fetherston, of Fetherston Haugh, in Northumberland, Esq. He had a son, Lawrence Breres, of Leeds, gent., who died 9 February, 1712-13, who married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Arthur Robinson, Esq., son of Sir Arthur Robinson, of Deighton. For a pedigree of Breres of Hammerton Hall, in Bolland, see Whitaker's *Leeds*, p. 68.

" "The Spaws," at Harrogate. Nearly every spring of mineral water was known by the name of the celebrated watering-place in Flanders.

" Caleb Asquith was elected mayor of Leeds in 1698.—Whitaker's *Thoresby's Leeds*.

Walter Hawkesworth, to spaws to Harrowgate, and staid there till Wednesday, 19 same, on which day I came home again.

14 August. I went to Denton to give my Lord Fairfax a visit, and dined therer, where was one Mr. Langley,⁵² Mr. Ferrand, Mr. Busfield,⁵³ young Mr. Hitch, Mr. Kirk, Coll. Byerley, Captain Lyndley, young Mr. Fairfax of Menston, Mr. Vavasour, and some others.

15 August. Sir John Kay⁵⁴ came to see me at Esholt, and staid two nights; and, day after, vitz., 16 August, sent his man to my Lord Fairfax, of Denton, and his Lordshipp came and dined with me and Sir John, at Esholt, that day, and I had also young Mr. Hitch's company, and young Mr. Fairfax of Menston, Dr. Richardsón, Mr. Nevile, Mr. Barand the vicar of Bradford,⁵⁵ &c., and Mr. Emott.

17 August. Sir John Kay went away from Esholt, and I went with him that day to Skipton, to meet my Lord Fairfax, and that night went to Mr. Lambert's⁵⁶ (the high sherrife's), at Calton, and dined there the day after, and, after dinner, I returned home that night.

25 August. I should have been at the funerall of Thomas Ledgurd,⁵⁷ of Bradford, who died on the 22d of same, but sent Samuel [Heningway] in my stead, being hindred by a meetinge which the feoffees of Otley schoole had appointed that day at Otley, where I was present.

⁵² Francis Langley, of York, attorney-at-law.

⁵³ William Busfield, Esq., of Gray's Inn and Rishworth, was b. 1674. He was a magistrate for the West Riding. Married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Abraham Fothergill, Esq.

⁵⁴ Sir John Kaye, of Woodsome, Bart., was the only son of Sir John Kaye, Knt. He married Anne, daughter of William Lister, Esq., of Thornton-in-Craven. He was M.P. for the county of York from 1685 to 1698, and from 1700 until his death (8 August, 1706). He was aged 65 when he died, and was buried at Almondbury.

⁵⁵ Benjamin Baron, of Corpus Christi Coll., Oam., A.B. 1695, A.M. 1699, was instituted Vicar of Bradford 4 Nov., 1698, and buried therer 6 Feb., 1705.

⁵⁶ John Lambert, Esq., was the son of John Lambert, the Parliamentary General; was sheriff of Yorkshire in 1699; and died March, 1701, buried at Kirkby Malham. Calton is in Craven.

⁵⁷ "Mr. Thomas Ledgard, of Bradford, buried there, Aug. 18, 1699, aged 78-80."—*Heywood's Register*, ed. J. Horfall-Turner, p. 97.

And, and., it was agreed on by the trustees of the schoole of Otley,^{**} that we are to meet twice a year for time to come, vinst. on Monday before Martinmas day, and Monday before Mayday, to make inspection into the affairs of the said school, that all due care may be had and taken for the benefit and improvement of the said schoole and schollars, according to the trust reposed in us. Admonition, master's qualifications and ushers', school repairs, expulsion after admonition. We gave Mr. Vitty admonition this day.

August. I went to funerall of Mr. Emott's brother, who was carried from Bradford to Colne to be buried, and I went with them as far as Haworth.

About 8 September. Mem. I received of Peter Turner, of Stanningley Green, in Pudsey, for satisfaction for a trespass in graving^{**} turves on Calverley Moor, between the boundaryes of Pudsey common, and the way that goes up from the Owlcoates, 5s., but gave it him again out of kindness, as he was a customer to my mills with his cloath, &c.

September. I sent Thomas Harrison and William Joy (the coachman) to York, to fetch home the new calash, &c., which they did, and the charge, &c., is put down in the book of accounts.

7 November. Sir Walter Hawkesworth went away from Esholt (having been there this week and several days in the week before) to go a-hunting, and to go to New Grange that night, and, on the morrow after, to York, being to set forwards in the coach to London from York on the 9 *quædem*.

16 November. Dr. Fleming^{**} gave me a visit at Eaholt, and Mr. Fletcher came along with him from his house after dinner.

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* "Otley Grammar School was founded in 1611 by Thomas Cave, who made the Feoffees a body corporate. Their seal is a rod, on one side, with a palm branch on the other; motto: *Dominus pax, tuum ova*—Fear God, and mind thy book—being a pun on the founder's name."—Langdale's *Topog. Diet.* A Thomas Cave was buried at Otley, 20 October, 1624.

** *To grace*, to cut or dig with a spade; a word which is still quite common in the district.

** Henry Fleming, D.D., second son of Sir Daniel Fleming, of Rydal, Knt., married Mary, daughter of John Fletcher, of Hunseat, Esq. [who died 18 Oct., 1709], by Penelope, daughter of Mr. F. Sleigh, of Ashburn.

21 November. Dr. Henry Fleming came to Esholt again, and gave us a sermon at Calverley on Sunday.

1^o December, being Friday. I went to Leeds, to pay Mr. Lawson his money for the mortgage of the manor of Calverley, and intrest.

But first accounted with Mr. Thomas Dickins, of Kirkeheaton, for what he owed me, and I to him. . . .

Mr. Lawson⁶¹ ordered the money to be paid to Mr. Robert Franke, of Pontefract, who had married one of his kinswomen, the Lowthers of Ackworth, (I] believe [it was one of his granddaughters); and he received some part himself. . . . And I received back from Mr. Lawson the paper box, with the original leace to Mrs. Spencer, and the Lady Spencer,⁶² &c. . . .

The unlucky accident about Tim. Waide happened about Christmas, 1699, but I have set down the particulars in a loose paper, for better convenience and memory sake.

Md. About December, 1699, Mr. Witton, of Wakefield, came to Esholt, to give my sister Nevile advice about her affairs. And Mr. Lawrence Breares of Leeds mett him there, and was advised that a deed of settlement should be drawn, pursuant to the articles of my sister's rent-charge, and power transferred to trustees to recover her thirds, and receive them to her use, without disturbance of Mr. Nevile, &c., and accordingly there was a draught after made of the said deed.

15 January. My mother and I dined our tenants at Esholt, and we had some friends besides, as Dr. Richardson, Mr. Rawson of Shipley, cozen Rhoades⁶³ of Menston, Mr. Stead, of Baildon, Mr. Samuel Swayne⁶⁴ of Horsforth, and some others.

⁶¹ Godfrey Lawson, Esq., mayor of Leeds in 1669, died in 1709 ; had, by Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Mr. Joseph Watkinson, of Ilkley, besides other surviving issue, Mary, bap. 8 Nov., 1658, married to Ralph Lowther, Esq., son of Sir John Lowther, of Lowther. Ralph had issue John and Elizabeth, the latter of whom was baptized at Leeds, 1 February, 1676-7, and was married to Robert Frank, Esq., Recorder of Pontefract.

⁶² In Add. MS. 27,411, is a list of the debts owing by Henry Calverley, grandfather of the Diarist, on his death ; and, among other items, is the following :—"To Lady Spencer, 1080*l.* (1000*l.* and interest for 6 months, lent 15 Feb., 1652.") Henry Calverley's loyalty during the usurpation of Cromwell, was the cause of great embarrassment to the estates.

⁶³ Richard Rhodes of Otley, was an executor to the will of the Diarist's father.

⁶⁴ Mr. Samuel Swaine, bur. at Horsforth Chapel, Sep. 11, 1707.—*Guiseley Reg.*

Md. Omitted 8 January, 1699. I sent Thomas Harrison to [the] funerall of Mr. William Richardson's wife, of High Fernley,⁶⁶ and, 9 January, day after, I went to [the] funerall of Mr. Francis Nevile,⁶⁷ Mr. Nevile's brother, who (dyed by an accident, and) was buried at Leeds; and I had gloves and a scarfe.

25 January. Dr. Richardson and Mr. Crossley came a-coursing to Calverley, and I mett them there, and they killed 3 hares, and that night [tho] Doctor and Mr. Crossley came to Esholt, and staid till day after.

On Thursday, 8 February, I mett Dr. Richardson at Hallifax, and went with him to Mr. Crosley's of Kirshawhouse, and day after, vitz., Friday, [the] Doctor and Mr. Crosley's daughter were marryed at Luddingden chappel, by Mr. Wilkinson,⁶⁷ Viccar of Hallifax, in presence of her parents and relations, and myselfe, Mr. William Richardson, and Mr. Emmott, on [the] Doctor's behalfe, and also Joseph Crowther there;⁶⁸ we had gloves and favours. I staid there till Monday after, and then returned home: Mr. Emmott accompanied me.

15 February. I was at buryall of old Mr. Ferrand,⁶⁹ who was interred at Bingley. We had only gloves.

17 February. Reared the new building at Calverley Hall.

Mem. In Hillary Tcrn, 1699, I caused a writt to be sued out against Abraham Hainworth, of Owlcoates (tenant to John Sclater of Whrose), of a messuage and lands [said to be the ancient

⁶⁶ "Mistris Richardson of High Fernley, bur. at Tong, Jan. 8, 1699-1700."—*Heywood's Register*, ed. J. Horsfall-Turner, p. 98.

⁶⁷ Francis Nevile is not mentioned in the pedigree in the *Landed Gentry*.

⁶⁸ One Joseph Wilkinson was of St. John's Coll, Cambridge, A.B. 1691, A.M. 1696. The Rev. Joseph Wilkinson, A.M., was instituted to the Vicarage of Halifax, September 17, and inducted Oct. 26, 1691; having been presented by King William III. He had been, first, Vicar of Chapel Izod, near Dublin, and Prebendary of Castleknock, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin, and afterwards, rector of Wiggington, near York. (M.I.) He was buried in the chancel at Halifax, 31 December, 1711, having died on the 28th, after being vicar of that church for near 20 years. He is said (Crabtree's *History of Halifax*, 1836, p. 180) to have been in necessitous circumstances, and, whilst at Halifax, to have lived for a considerable time in the library of the church, in order to secure himself against arrests.

⁶⁹ "Mr. Joseph Crowther, of Northowram, died November 7, buried Nov. 10 [1711], aged about 74. Left a great estate."—*Northowram Register*, p. 257.

* Benjamin Ferrand, Esq. He was succeeded by his second son, Edward.

messuage at Owlcoates] of about 14*l.* or 16*l.* per annum), for grav-ing turves on the moor, not farr from the hedges of the inclosures of Owlcoates, within my liberty of Calverley; and it was served upon Abraham Hainworth; and, thereupon, his landlord came down with him, and produced an old deed [as was said to be, with a full seal at it, (a) large piece of wax, and like a St. George on horseback impression in the middle of it⁷⁰], of grant from John of Calverley [as I think it was] to Robert of Owlcoates and his assigns [to best of remembrance], of a certain quantity of common ground and liberty or common of pasture for all cattell, common of turbary *jamponorum et bruere et lapidum* upon the wasts and commons of Pudsey and Calverley, for his messuage and lands at Owlcoates, near Pudsey, for ever, with warranty, dated about 1347, or some time after the year one thousand and three hundred, and before four hundred, with names of several witnesses, of ancient families; and the same was read and shewed both to Mr. Witton⁷¹ and Mr. Thornton; and Mr. Stanhope of Eccleshill was also acquainted with it, and seemed to be of councill with John Selater in it. But upon reading it

⁷⁰ An impression from probably the same seal, which is of the time of Richard II. (1377-1399) is appended to an indenture by which Walter de Calverley acquires John, son of William de Tiresalle and Alice his wife, and Thomas their son, of a croft and essart in Pudesay.

Brit. Mus. Add. Chart., 16885. "Vitellius 27." Indent. qua Walter. de Calverley dimittit Joh. fil. Will. de Tiresalle et Alicie uxori ejus, et Thom., fil. eorum; croftum et assartam in Pudesay, tenend. ad totam vitam ipsorum, reddend. ann. vij sol. Test. Th. de Tiresalle, Joh. de Holcroft, et aliis. Dat die Ven. in festo S. Lawr., 4 Ric. II. (1880).

⁷¹ Richard Witton, a Wakefield lawyer, afterwards of Lupset, was the son of Richard Witton, Lord Fairfax's steward, and grandson of the old Lord's commissioner in the Isle of Man, the Rev. Joshua Witton. He died April 16, 1718. The Rev. Joshua Witton was a Yorkshire clergyman, was born in 1618, was at Cambridge, and entered Holy Orders.

He was chaplain to Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, who made him rector of Thornhill. He was a non-conformist in 1662. He died on June 1, 1674, and was buried at All Saints, North Street, York, 3 June, 1674, leaving, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Tempest Thornton, Esq., a son, Richard Witton, the lawyer, who was Lord Fairfax's agent, and father of the above first-named Richard. (*The Life of the Great Lord Fairfax*, 1870, pp. 364, 406). The second Richard married Elizabeth, daughter and sole heiress of Wilfrid Lawson, Esq., of Wakefield, by Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Mr. Joseph Watkinson, of Ilkley. (*Duc. Leod.*, 1713, p. 83). Richard Witton purchased Lupset, of John Harris, son of John, by Anne Savile. The Wittons were a Puritan family.—See *Lupset and the Heath*, by Joseph Hunter, F.S.A., 1851, 88, 89.

[the word *hereditibus* not being in the grant, but only *assignatis*], Mr. Witton was of opinion that it only emerged as for Robert of Owlcoates' life, and not to his heirs, and though it was with warranty, yet that would not help it, being deficient as above; and so was Mr. Thornton too; and Mr. Stanhope advised John Sclater to take his common in Pudsey only, and that, if I would let the suite cease, to make me a release or disclaimer of right of common on the waste of Calverley, and accordingly, on

6 March, 1699, being mett at Bradford, Mr. Rawson, by advice of Mr. Stanhope, and with the order and consent of John Sclater, as well as mine, drew a release to the purpose, which John Sclater executed to me before Mr. Stanhope, Mr. Rawson, and S. H.; and thereupon, and only in consideration thereof, the said suite is to cease.

11 March, 1699-1700. I went to York to the Assizes, and on the morrow after, appeared before Judge Turton [at the Castle] upon my call as Justice of Peace, and had my appearance recorded; and, md., my brother Wade was excused, for though I spoke for him that he was at Doncaster, the judge's marshall also spoke for him, and I believe Mr. Wade had spoke to the judge himself at Doncaster, so that he was excused.

13 March. Md. The judge would give me and Mr. Stanhope noe advice about the witnesses' charges that were to appear about the child found in the walls of Mr. Butler's house, but that as we had begun it, so we might go on in it; and said somebody ought of necessity been bound to prosecute, and, rather than no body would [? *had*] meddled, we should have bound the constable of the town to prosecute.

The woman that accused Timothy Waide and Watsons was convicted of the crime she accused them for, and burnt in the cheek, at this assizes, after I came away.

23 March. Was at the funerall of Alderman Calverley,ⁿ of Leeds, and had a scarfe and gloves given.

ⁿ William Calverley, Esq., mayor of Leeds in 1602, and alderman of that town, was seized of West Hall, Methley. He was the son of Robert Calverley, of Oulton, and was descended from John Calverley, son of William Calverley, alias Soot, of Calverley. This John Calverley held lands in Churwell, in 1510. William Calverley married Mary, daughter of Bryan Kitchingman. He died 10 March, 1699, aged 57, and was buried in the parish church of Leeds. He was ancestor of the Calverleys of Oulton Hall, near Leeds.—Foster's *Pedigree of County Families—Yorkshire*.

1 April, 1700. I went to Woodhall, to Mr. Richardson's.

28 April, 1700. My mother agreed to settle the lands on me, allowing her liberty to devise 700*l.* thereout, and also to charge an annuity, not exceeding 10*l.*, to any person or persons for life, and to dispose of Richard Hare's farm to any person for life, and allowing her wood for repairs.

4 May, 1700. Md. It is usual to pay for pilling barke, ninepence or tenpence a day, and if you side bark by the quarter in the lng (long), it is worth about three shillings or three and sixpence: and it is worth two shillings or better fillings; making, in case they chop it small, it is a disadvantage to the seller.⁷³

May. I sent Dr. Richardson, for a present against the bringing of his lady home, 3 gallons of brandy, cost 12*s.* a gallon, and a sugar loaf, about 8 *lb.* weight, of 1*s.* per *lb.*, both might be worth in tot. 2*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*

12 May, 1700. It is usual to pay pillers (oak peelers) 9*d.* or 11*d.* a day for pilling.⁷⁴

13 May. Commissioners mett at Bradford, about Land Tax in Morley, to 2*s.* in pound, and we were divided in our opinions about assessing of it, some, myself among them, being for assessing it according to the Act, a moiety in all places of what they paid in 1693, and the others for raising it in different proportions from that year in the towns, viz., according to the Book of Rates.

22 May. Dr. Richardson brought his wife home to Byerley. I did not go that day, but sent Sam to Mr. Crosley's, but on the day after, I went to Byorley to the welcoming them home, and dined with the company, and staid there that night, and returned home day after.

13 Augt. At a cocking at Leeds, where Mr. Nevile and Mr. Amoroyd went sides against Sir Thomas Gascoigne, who gott farr more battails, though I won something there.

Sir Walter Hawkesworth and I made a match for cockings with my Lord Irwyn and Mr. Ramsden; wore to shew one and thirty cocks a side, out of which we had 18 matches, and fought at Leeds, at Mr. Nottingham's, on 11 and 12 June, 1700, for one guineay a side a cock, and 10 guineays the main, out of

⁷³ From the end of the book.

⁷⁴ Note on fly-leaf.

which, my Lord Irwyn and partner got 6 battles, and we got 12. I won some money besides the wagers.

12 June. Was at the wedding of Mr. William Calverley⁷⁵ (a younger son of Mr. Calverley, of Leeds), who was married to Alderman Kitchingman's⁷⁶ daughter, and I led the bride to the church, had a pair of gloves and a favour, and sent half crowns a piece to the butler, cook, and musick.

Md. about Mary Dawson and Mr. Grimeshaw title to Pratt House and croft. The grant from Hoppeay to Baildon is not very exactly drawn : the feoffment from William Baildon to John Dawson is drawn well enough, and witnessed, but the indorsement for livery and seizin is forgotten to be attested. The grants from William Dawson to his sisters, Mary Dawson and Sarah Dawson (which later was married to Mr. Grimeshaw), are vicious in two respects, for that there wants the date putting in, and that the livery of seizin indorsed is not witnessed, no more than it was in the other ; and, besides, no money paid, but was in consideration of filial parts or portions ; and the acquittances also want the date putting in, as well as the deeds, though there s the year of our Lord. I took Mr. Thornton's⁷⁷ opinion about them at Leeds, 11 June. As to that from Hoppeay to Baildon, he thinks is well enough ; from Baildon to Dawson, he thinks is well enough too, especially having been peaceably enjoyed ever since, and the livery of seizin, though it be not witnessed, yet being indorsed, shall be presumed to have been done in the pre-

⁷⁵ William Calverley, second son of William, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Kitchingman, by his wife, Mary Driffield. He had issue William, who died in 1728, sc 24, unmarried ; Mary, married to Thomas Brearey, alderman of Leeds ; and Anne, married to the Rev. Henry Wickham, A.M., rector of Guiseley.

⁷⁶ Thomas Kitchingman was twice elected mayor of Leeds, in 1688, and in 1705.

⁷⁷ Richard Thornton, Recorder of Leeds (obt. 6 Oct., 1710, sc 51), was the son of John Thornton, by Judith, his wife, daughter of Mr. Richard Richardson, of Bierley. He married Bridget, daughter of Christopher Watkinson, who was Mayor of Leeds in 1668. (*Thoresby's Leeds*, 1816, p. 26). He lived at Head Hall, Leeds, and is styled by Thoresby (*Leeds*, p. 25), "the Learned, Ingenious, and Pious Richard Thornton, Esq., heir male of the ancient Family of Thornton, of Thornton and Tyersal, both in the West Riding of Yorkshire, whose noble Collection of Manuscripts has been of singular Advantage unto me in this Undertaking, and yet the Benefit received from his personal Instruction and Assistance has been infinitely more."

sence of the witnesses that were at the executing of the deeds; and is more strong still if it can be proved that the tenant in possession paid rent to Dawson (the grantee), in the life-time of Baildon, the grantor, for that will amount to a seizin by attornment.

24 June. I went to Wakefield to appear (as commissioner) at the jury giving in their verdict about recompenses to persons for hawling, &c., on the rivers Ayre and Calder. Commissioners there, Sir John Armitage, Sir John Kay, Mr. Savile of Methley, Mr. Nevile of Chevett, and his son, Mr. Ellis of Kiddall, Mr. Dynesley, young Mr. Hitch, Mr. Fenay, and some others, besides myself, were called over, and gave in their verdict, which was read in court, and is to be put in form and signed by them, at the Swan, in Hull, on 13 July next, and go to be inrolled next sessions, and then the court was adjourned to Moot hall, in Leeds, until (blank) September next. We dined at Mrs. Routh's, the White Bear (where Mr. Ellis lived), in Wakefield, and were treated. Mr. Beaumont, of Whitley, was also there. I returned home that night.

15 July. I went to Dr. Richardson's, and dined there (where was also Sir John Kay and other company), and staid there all night, and on the day after went with Sir Walter Hawkesworth to the cockings which we had made with Sir John Armitage at Nunbrooke,⁷⁸ where we had the better; and that night, vizi., 16 July, 1700, lay at Sir John Armitage's, at Kirklees, and returned home the day after.

19 July. At Leeds sessions: and we dined that day at Mr. Rontree,⁷⁹ the mayor's, in Boar Lane.

22 July. I went to York, to the assizes, in the calash, and sett the mares up at Jubb's (the George, in Coney street), but lodged at a taylor's house over the judge's chambers, and stayed two nights, and returned the 24th of same July. Appeared before the judges (Turton and Blincoe) at my call as justice of the peace, on the 23^o ejusdem, at the Castle. Mr. Wade was also there. I dined the same 23^o July, 1700, at Mr. Norcliffe's,⁸⁰

⁷⁸ Nunbrooke is a hamlet in the township and parish of Mirfield.

⁷⁹ Mr. John Rontree was elected mayor of Leeds in 1699.

⁸⁰ Fairfax Norcliffe, Esq., of Langton, was baptized at Langton, 9 December, 1674; was of Christ Church, Oxford, 16 May, 1691; captain of Colonel Thomas Stringer's regiment, 5 April, 1704; captain in Sir Charles Hotham's regiment of foot, 25 March, 1705; major, 19 July, 1706; lieutenant-colonel, 22

the sheriff's house, in the minster yard, with a great company of other gentlemen.

Towards beginning of August, had a cocking at Otley, where Sir Walter Hawkesworth and I joyned against Mr. Vavasour and others, and gott the main.

13 August. At a cocking at Leeds, where Mr. Nevile and Mr. Ormeroyd⁸¹ went sides against Sir Thomas Gascoigne,⁸² who gott farr more battails, though I won something thore.

25 September. I sent Sam⁸³ to Owlcoates, to Henry Nettleton, who had promised to give me agreement about graving turves on Calverley Moor;⁸⁴ and, in consideration that I would forgive him what was past, the said Henry Nettleton sealed a release for my use, of all common of turbary which he might claim on the wastes of Calverley, as appurtenant to his messuage and lands at Owlcoates, before Abraham Hainsworth, tenant of the other lands at Owlcoates, belonging to John Sclater, and S. H.,⁸⁵ to whom the said release was delivered for my use.

July, 1715; lieutenant-colonel of 1st regiment of dragoons, 1715. On 26 May, 1712, he received the freedom of the city of Perth. High Sheriff for Yorkshire, 1700 and 1714. Deputy Lieutenant. Died 21, and buried in Ripon Minster, 24 March, 1720-1.

" Benjamin Atkinson, of Leeds, gent., who had land in Otley, married, before July, 1697, Susan, daughter of Peter Ormerod.—*Yorks. Arch. Journal*, iii. 78.

" Sir Thomas Gascoigne, of Barnbow, Bart., son of George Gascoigne, Esq., by Annie, daughter and co-heiress of Ellis Woodrove, of Helperby, Esq., and relict of — Whytall, Esq. Thomas was aged 7 at the date of Dugdale's Visitation, 4 April, 1666. He married Magdalén, daughter of Patricius Curwen, Esq., of Workington, Cumberland, and died intestate, and without surviving issue. Admon. granted 8 Nov., 1718, to John Parsons, gent.

" Samuel Hemingway.

" In the *Calendar of Pleadings, &c.*, *Duchy of Lancaster*, vol. vi., a case is recorded (15 H. 7, 1800), in which Percival Thornton disputed the title of Sir William Calverley, John Wrosse, and others, tenants of Pudsey, to common, turbary, and right of way, on Tyreal Moor, Pudsey, with a commission and depositions thereon. The moor, most prolific of litigation of any in the parish, was that between Calverley and Bradford. To try the right, the tenants of Bradford filed a bill in the Duchy of Lancaster, 17 Hen. VII., against Sir William Calverley, knt., steward of the lordship, and his tenants of Pudsey and Woodall, and Sir William Gascoigne, knt., disputing their title to common of pasture and turbary. There is a tradition that formerly Bradford Moor extended much further towards Calverley than it now does, but that, owing to Bradford refusing to take in the body of a dead man found there, the intervening ground was forfeited.—See *Calendar of Pleadings, Duchy of Lancaster*, vol. ii.

" Samuel Hemingway.

30 September. I sent Sam. Hemingway to Mr. Dyneley, to shew him the deeds, &c., about the rent charge⁶⁶ issuing out of Mr. Anne's lands at Frickley, which he did, and Mr. Dyneley promised to give Mr. Anne account about them.

A little before this I received a commission from my Lord Burlington, to be one of the deputy lieutenants for the West Ridd. of Yorkshire, vizt., about middle of September, 1700.

6 Oct. I received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Otley church to-day (together with Sir Walter Hawkesworth), in order to take the oaths at Wakefield sessions upon my commission as deputy lieutenant for the West Ridd., for which I had one certificate, and also in order to be sworn justice of the peace, and take the oaths in respect of that office, within the bishop's liberty, for which I had another certificate. Test. Sam. Hemingway, Tho. Harrison, and Edwd. Linny, my servants (and for Sir Walter) Chr. Browne, Tho. Ambler, his servants. Sir Walter designed to be sworn justice of the peace within Otley liberty at these sessions also.

11 Oct. At Wakefield sessions. I delivered in my certificate about receiving the Sacrament as above, and took the oaths, and also repeated and signed the declaration about Transubstantiation, and signed also the association.

19 October. I mett my Lord Fairfax, Sir John Kay, and other gentlemen at Bradford, where we dined at Mrs. Bower's, and, in the afternoon, my lord and Sir John sent in for severall of the chief of the town to complement them for their kindness shewed to them at the election, &c.

23 October. Was at the christening of Mr. Pullan's⁶⁷ son, of Burley, and from thence went to Mr. Fawkes's, and staid there two nights, and did also give Mr. Hitch a visit.

⁶⁶ This rent-charge is mentioned in the particulars of his estate, furnished by Henry Calverley, Esq., to the commissioners for compounding under the Commonwealth. (See *Bradford Antiquary*, i., 62). "Md. There is a rent charge of 40s. per annum due to me, and issuing out of the lands of Michael Anne, Esq., at Frickley, payable yearly, at Pentecost and Martinmas." (Note on fly-leaf of this Mem. Book). Frickley is a hamlet in the liberty of Pontefract. For the ancient family of Anne, of Frickley, see *Foster's Yorkshire Pedigrees*; *Hunter's South Yorkshire*, ii., 148.

⁶⁷ Thomas, son of Thomas Pullein, of Burley, gent., bp. August 24, 1701. (Otley Reg.) Thomas Pulleine, of Ripley, &c., was High Sheriff in 1697 and 1704.

6 November. Dined at Sir Walter Hawkesworth's, where was my Lord Fairfax and brothers, my Lady Askough, Mr. Fawkes and family, my brother and sister Nevill, and severall more. We had a extray fine entertainment, and, after, danced all night. It was about the beginning of October Sir Walter and my lady came first to live at Hawkesworth.

About two months before, was invited to an entertainement at Mr. Fawkes', amongst the rest of the neighbouring gentlemen, but went not by reason I was not well; it was not long before that he brought home his lady.

Sent to Sir Walter Hawkesworth a roll of brawn, and a dozen quart bottles of wine, might be worth in all about 2*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, at his coming to keep house, and he gave the servant that carryed them, 5*s.*

19 November. I went to give Mr. Ferrand^{ss} a visit, and dined there, vizt., at St. Ives.

20 November. I was at Leeds, upon an invitation from the mayor, &c., at the boats coming up to the bridge, &c., and dined at one Craven's, and had a fine entertainment, and was a great many gentlemen, amongst whom were my Lord Irwin, Lord Fairfax, Sir John Kay, and many others.

29 November. I was at funeral of Mr. Rawson^{so} of Bolling^{so}, and we dined at Mrs. Bower's, and, day after, Sir Walter Hawkesworth and severall of us mett at Mrs. Bower's, and dined there, to drink with her at her giving up her publick house.

4 December. I sent to distrain of Jeremy Eickroyd, and they brought away 2 cows and 2 heifers, all gave milk, but upon his coming down and paying me some money, and promising to stand to Mr. Richardson and Mr. Brooke's doom,^{si} or determination, about the state of his land and buildings, as to what condition

^{ss} Edward Ferrand, was baptiz'd 29 May, 1656. He married Jane, daughter of William Richardson, Esq., of Bierley.

^{so} William Rawson, of Bowling, married, first, Martha, daughter of William Pollard, Esq. He was third in descent from Paul Rawson, the fourth son of William. (See *Dugdale's Visitation*). William, the younger, was succeeded at his decease by his eldest son, William Rawson, Esq., of Bradford, who built the manor house in 1705.—See *Nonconf. Reg.*, p. 108; *James' History of Bradford*, 1866, pp. 4 and 5.

^{si} Bolling, near Bradford.

^{si} Doom, i.e., judgment. A late instance of the familiar use of this Saxon word, from whence Dooms-day.

and repairs they are to be left in, I let him have his beasts again, which he took away the same night.

As we were in coming home that night, happened a misfortune, for the mears ran away at the entring into the little park, and James Patrick was tumbled off, and I, with leaping out of the calash, strained my ankle very sore, so that I was lame of it, and could not stirr forth for a three weeks or upwards, and the mares run away with the calash almost to Shaw's, but were there stop't by Mr. Stone's man, who was comed over with a letter from his master, and were after brought back by James, and I rid home in it. About 4 days after, Sir Walter Hawkesworth sent me 4 quart bottles of "Rosa Solis," and I gave his man that brought them, 5s.

11 December. Md. I and my mother laid down 40s. to Mr. Arthington, about loosing Jonathan Oldfield out of gaol, and were at expences in sending about it.

6 January, 1700-1. I was at funerall of Mrs. Sale,²³ of Pudsey, and lent Mrs. Hutton²⁴ a pair of mares and coach wheels, to bring the corps to church.

17 January. A great floud at Esholt, and I should have gone this day to funerall of old Mr. Hitch,²⁵ of Leathley, but the waters, being so high, hindred.

²³ "M'tris. Sail, of Pudsey, bur. at Calverley, Jan. 6, 1700, aged 80. (*Heywood's Nonconformist Register*, p. 103). "1700, Jan. 6, Mrs. Beatrix Sale, of Pudsey, buried." (*Calverley Parish Register*). See copy of M. I. in *Calverley Parish Register*, vol. 2. Mrs. Sale, widow of the Rev. James Sale, was daughter of Richard Richardson, of North Bierley, by Anne, daughter and heiress of William Pollard. *Dugdale's Visitation*, 1665, p. 50. Dr. Whitaker's *Craven*, 1814, p. 181. See *Thoresby's Leeds*, ed. Whitaker, p. 37; *Round about Bradford*, by W. Cudworth, 1876, p. 486; *Nonconformity in Idle*, by J. Horafall Turner, 1876, p. 16.

²⁴ Beatrix Hutton, the wife of Richard Hutton, Esq., of Pudsey, was the daughter and co-heir of the Rev. James Sale (see note above). Her husband, Richard Hutton, was second son of Richard Hutton, of Poppleton (grandson of Archbishop Matthew Hutton), by the Hon. Dorothy Fairfax. He was buried at Calverley, 17 January, 1708-9, and she on the 28th July, 1708. Their daughter Eleanor married Joseph Briggs, 30 March, 1712, and was buried 3 March, 1731-2, leaving a son, Hutton Briggs, living in 1785, at York.

²⁵ Doubtless Mr. Henry Hitch, of Leathley, only son of Robert Hitch, D.D., dean of York, and rector of Guiseley and Adel, who was noted for the liberal pecuniary benefits he bestowed on the townships of Guiseley, Yeadon, Carlton, Menston, Burley Wood Head, Adel, and Arthington. His will is dated 6th February, 1676.

John Hebden had 39 sheep taken out of the Crabtree Ing (from the stack) this floud.

21 January. I sent Sam. Hemingway to Leeds, to Mr. Barker, to pay him about the arrears of the modus's for Esholt lands, within the parish of Otley; and he paid him before Mr. Lumley (at the coffee house) 5*l.* 6*s.* for all the said arrears, and for Easter next, and had a receipt, though it is but for 5*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, but the other 5*s.* 4*d.*, over, is paid Mr. Barker as a gratuity, to receive it and buy a barrel of oysters, for that he omitts (so he says), a matter of 12 years' modus for the tythe hay.

Md. In February, I and my mother gave my sister Nevile a bed, hangings, &c., which I bought at London, cost upwards of 60*l.*, besides bedding and some other odd things; my mother was 30*l.* towards it, which she paid me, and I gave the rest.

31 March, 1701-2. I went to the assizes, and, on the morrow after, appeared at castle to my call before Judge Turton, and excused my brother Waide, being ill of the gout. Lodged at Black Swan in Coney Street, Mr. Harding's, and stayed till 4th April, 1701-2, then returned home. Sir Walter Hawkesworth also layd at same place.

14 May. Mr. Nevile, Mr. Ghill, and I, mett Mr. Horton, Dr. Threapland, Mr. Murgatroyd, and Mr. Hooke, at Nunbrooke, in order to make an end about my sister's thirds . . . but parted without agreeing of anything.

2 June. I went to funerall of Mr. Dickins, who was buried at Kirkheaton church; had a white scarffe and gloves.

2 July. My brother Wade executed his will, and [it] was put into my hands to keep.

9 July. Mr. Lowther, of Swillington, came to Esholt, and wanted me and Captain Lyndley (whom he had sent to meet him there) to go and impannell a jury to inquire about a ryot which he said Sir William Lowther, his father, had committed, and to proceed upon it as by statute Hen. 8 is directed; but we were not very willing, the ryot being over, and the sessions being just at hand, at which we told him he might have speedy remedy, but he was very angry, and went away in a passion that we would not go with him.

31 Oct. My Lord Fairfax gave me a visit at Esholt.

In October, 1701, I agreed with Mr. Fountains about the purchase of his lands in Idle, for which I am to pay him 60*l.*,

and he is to suffer a common recovery, and make assurance to me thereof, after it is done. I paid him 50*l.* of the purchase money, and took a warrant of attorney for it, till recovery be past, and that he can make me a sale of it: he is to enjoy it for the residue of a term which he hath of his farm, at 3*l.* per annum, and have a lease of it with covenants pursuant to such as are in my other leases.

27 December. I went from Esholt with my mother, in order to take our journey to London, and that night went to New Grange, and stayed there till Monday morning, 29th, what time we departed to Wakefield, and so went on in the coach. I took up with me Cristofer Baldwin, and my mother, Martha Dawson. I staid at London till 6 May, 1702.

Easter Day, 5 April, 1702. Saml. Hemingway made tender in Otley church, of 3*s.* 4*d.*, for Barker's moiety (formerly Neville's), of corn tythe . . . but nobody was there to receive them.

Saml. Hemingway made a bargain with John Aske, 8 May, 1702, about his tythe at Rotheley, for the purchase whereof he was to give him 24*l.* 10*s.*, besides $\frac{1}{2}$ a guiney given in earnest, and on

18 May, 1702, John Aske came over to Calverley, and executed the deeds for sale of the said tythes to me, and I paid him the 24*l.* 10*s.*, the remainder of the consideration money, and had deeds and writings delivered to me which were made from the Countesse of Montfeltro to Aske's father, &c.; but, Md., I am not to begin to take tythe till the next summer but this; and, Md., in my absence, the deeds were sealed from Mr. Fountains, about sale of Idle lands to me, and the writings (which he had) delivered in about it, and the purchase money fully paid him, by 50*l.* before I went, and 10*l.* after allowed him in his rent, and other payments he was to make.

19 June. Was at Mr. Hitche's, at the christening of his first daughter, where was all the neighbourhood. Sir Walter Hawkesworth was godfather, Mrs. Hich and ould Mrs. Vavisour godmothers. Lawyer Winn was marryed, the Thursday before, to Mr. Hiche's sister, and they was both there.

In the later end of *July*, I went over to Osgodby, to give Sir Walter a visit, and staid a week, and on

11 Augt., I went to spa^w to Harrowgate, and from thence to Osgodby, and staid a while, and returned on Saturday, 15 same.

28 Augt. I invited several gentlemen, who came and dined with me, vizt., my Lord Fairfax, Sir Walter Hawkesworth, Mr. Arthington, Mr. Vavasour, Mr. Dineley, Mr. Kirke, Mr. Ferrand, Mr. Fawkes, Mr. Procter, Parson Roberts,¹ and others; all went away again that night.

22 Sept. Went with my sister Wade in her coche to Bramam More horse race, when the queen's plate was run for, and lay that night at New Grange.

27. I received at Otley church the Sacrament, Sir Walter Hawkesworth, Mr. Fawkes and son, with several others with me.

8 October. Went with Sir Walter to Wakefield sessions, where we tooke the oathes, &c., as being justices of the peace. Mr. H——² gave us commissions of my Lord Burlington for deputy lieutenants, and we gave him each a guiney. We filed petition to the parliament for leave to bring in a bill for a publick register.³ On Saturday came home.

Md. Mr. Coates⁴ came to be curate of Idle about Idle-tide, 13th or 14th Sept., 1732, and is to have his board and lodging with us.

And about same time, or a little before, I had four swans brought me per Lawrence Bucke.⁵

¹ Probably the Rev. James Roberts, vicar of Bingley, 10 May, 1687, till the year 1701.

² Richard Howitt, bapt. 16 May, 1646, at St. Martin's, Micklegate, was son of Richard Hewitt, Lord Mayor of York in 1665, who was buried 24 April, 1678, by Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Richard Perrott, vicar of Holy Trinity, Hull. His uncle, the Rev. Matthew Hewitt, rector of one of the mediæties of Linton-in-Craven, died in 1674, and founded a grammar school.

³ The register office for the west riding at Wakefield, for the east at Beverley, for the north at Northallerton, have been of immense service to the county. No other, except Middlesex, is fortunate enough to possess one.

⁴ The Rev. James Coates appears as curate of Idle in the archdeacon's call-roll for the years 1708-1708. 29 Aug., 1702, nominated to the curacy of Idle. "Nominatus per fiduci commissarios Testamentor. Petri et Samuelis Sunderland, Ar., et approbatus per Vicarium Calverley et D. Archiep."

⁵ Lawrence Bucke was the son of William, of Idle Thorpe, a member of an old Idle family, references to which may be found in J. Horfall Turner's *Nonconformity in Idle*, p. 90; Wm. Cudworth's *Round About Bradford*, p. 872; *Calverley Parish Church Register*, pp. 82, &c.

In this *October*, 1702, Sir Walter Hawkesworth and I took the oath of justice of peace for the archbishop's liberty.

22, was the first time I was at Otley sessions, in the bishop's liberty.

25 *October*, 1702. I and mother was invited to the funerall of Dr. Richardson's lady, who dyed in child bed, and left him a son, and the same day to the buryall of Mrs. Layton.⁶ My mother went to Mrs. Layton's, and I to Mr. Richardson's funerall. I had a pair of gloves given me.

28 *October*. I and mother were invited to christening of Sir Walter Hawkesworth's daughter,⁷ whither I went, and my sister Wade stood godmother for my mother, &c.

Was invited to Mr. Hiche's to dinner, St. John's, the day before, being his birthday.

January 1. I received the Sacrament of the Lord's supper at Calverley church.

11. Was at Otley sessions, and took the oaths appointed.

14 *January*. I went to generall quarter sessions at Wakefield, and at that sessions I received 20*l.* in part of the money estreated for repairs of Kirkstall bridge, for which I gave a receipt, also 10*l.* more was paid for repair of Apperley bridge, which Sam. Heinigway received, but paid me again.

Sam. also received 40*s.*, which was allowed for three yates and stoops, and bridge stones and rails for a way when the water is out at the bridge ends, which I and Sir Walter are to see employed for that use.

There was estreated by order of Leeds sessions, 1701, for repair of Kirkstall bridge, 10*l.*; Rotherham sessions, 1701, 10*l.* more; Weatherby sessions, 1701, 10*l.* more; Wakefield sessions, January, 1701, 10*l.* more; Doncaster sessions, 1701, 10*l.* more; in all, 50*l.* for Kirkstall bridge, of which the 20*l.* above was part; and the order from Leeds sessions, 1701, authorises me and Mr. Arthington, and Mr. Blythman, Mr. Lyndley, and Mr. Waide,

* "Here lieth interred the body of Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Layton, of this town, Rawdon, Esq.; daughter of Nicholas Yarburgh, of Snaith Hall, in this county, Knt. She died upon the 23rd of October, in the year of Christ 1702, in the 55th year of her age."—*Epitaph under the Communion Table in Rawdon Church.*

⁷ 1702, Oct. 11, Francess daughter of Sir Walter Hawxworth, Bart., bap.—*Otley Register.*

or any three of us, to view the said bridge, and bargain about the repairs of it.

Md. November, December, and January, 1702, it was referred to Mr. Thornton and Mr. Witton, to draw and state the deeds about my sister Nevile thirds, and the arrears; Mr. Thornton to draw and Mr. Witton to peruse, which was so done; also Mr. Thornton drew the deeds to set over my sister's thirds to her trustees, and Mr. Witton was of her council in that, and the other about her thirds and arrears, to see that they were made according to the deeds of covenants between Mr. Nevile and my sister, and Sir Walter Hawkesworth and the other trustees, and were agreed upon between them at Wakefield sessions, 15th January, 1702, and set down to be gotten ready and executed at Birstall, on Monday, 25 January. But the day before, vitz., Sunday, 24 January, my mother sent for lawyer Barker⁸ to Otley, who came to Esholt, and staid all night, and perused the deeds (which I sent for from Mr. Thornton's that day), and said that that about the mortgage for the arrears should have had a short recitall of the trust in the deeds of covenants between Mr. Nevile, my sister, and Sir Walter Hawkesworth and the other trustees, and expressed the uses *in specie*, the trustees were to receive the money for; which, not being so done, looke like a new agreement, but advised a clause to be put in at the bottom (to help it), that it was agreed between the partyes, and so declared that the money to be paid to my sister's trustees thereupon, was to be disposed to the uses contained in the deeds of covenant above mentioned; that for the grant of the thirds to my sister he approved, but withall advised that there should be a lease for possession, else livery of seizin upon it, because a life estate (being a freeholder) was to passe thereby; the other for the assignt. from Mr. Nevile and sister to the trustees of the thirds, he approved also well, but advised this should be dated the day after the grant of the thirds from Mr. Ramsden's trustees.

Monday, 25 January, 1702-3. I and Mr. Nevile came from Esholt to Birstall, and there mett Mr. Thornton, Mr. Witton, Dr. Threapland, Mr. Musgreave, and Mr. Hooke, where, after dinner, the deeds were sealed and delivered by Dr. Threapland and Mr. Nevile, the particulars in either of the deeds being first

⁸ Thomas Barker, Esq., of York and Otley.

examined and made right, and that for the arrears, which should have been 1157*l.* 10*s.*, was made only for 1150*l.*, and a note signed to Mr. Nevile per Dr. Threapland, pro payment of the odd 7*l.* 10*s.* on demand, but when Mr. Nevile came to execute that for setting over the thirds to the trustees, he was very backward, and denied to do it till he had satisfaction about the covenant for repairs, and to have interest allowed for his 500*l.*, but upon Mr. Thornton's persuading him, and my promise to refer the matters to Mr. Thornton, he did it, and were witnesses to this last Mr. Thornton and Saml. Hemingway, and I also was present. And to the two first are witnesses, Mr. Hooke and Saml. Hemingway, though most of the others also did see them, but their two hands only to be to them, because they were to see Mr. Horton and my sister, and her trustees, to sign after. And, Md., in the grant of the thirds an indorsement was made and signed to the uses, pursuant to Mr. Barker's advice, and it was dated the day before the assignment from Mr. Nevile and sister, to trustees, and the one being the 11th and the other the 12th of November last.

Mr. Thornton and Mr. Witton were both of opinion there needed no lease for possession nor livery of seizin upon it, but Dr. Threapland promised they would do any act necessary to it any time after.

I came home that night, and Mr. Nevile went to Leeds. On Friday, 29, Mr. Hooke came to Esholt, and we had sent for Mr. Richardson and Mr. Rhoades to dinner, and my sister came after dinner, and, in the afternoon, my sister first of all sealed and delivered the deeds with the declaration on the back of the mortgage, and also executed the deed for the assignment of the thirds to the trustees; and then the trustees also sealed and delivered them and the counterpart of the assignment too, before Mr. Hooke and Saml. Hemingway, and afterwards Mr. Hooke went away that night, having taken the sides of two of the deeds, vizi., the mortgage and grant of the thirds, and left the other deeds here. . . .

29 Jan. I agreed with Joseph Pape, of Farnley, mason, for repair of the way 300 feet on this side of Apperley bridge, for which he is to have 10*l.*; and were articles made this day of the bargain, and put into hands of Sam. Hemingway.

12 Febr. I, with the neighbouring gentlemen, was invited to Hawkesworth, it being Sir Walter's wedding day. . . .

24 April, 1703. I offered Thomas Moor, of Armley, 8*l.* for

five quarters of his best mault, to be delivered to me, to be paid at the birth of the first living child his son's wife bore ; he accepted it when he was going away, and for 1*s.* struck me in hand.⁹

16 June. My brother Waide's eldest son, Calverley, departed this life about 4 or 5 of the clock in the afternoon, aged 18 years, 4 months, and 13 days, whereupon I went to New Grange, returned again that night, and the funeral was appointed on Saturday after, being 19, at which I was present, and he was buried at Huddingley, and there were white gloves [and] scarves for the boys that wer the bearers, and gloves and mourning hat bands for the relations, and gloves for the rest ; and were about 50 bidden to the funeral, besides the young men bearers : about 10 dozen of gloves given.

1 September. I went to Stapleton¹⁰ race this day, and the day after, vizt., 2nd Sep., see the queen's plate run for, where Mr. Metcalfe's horse won the plate.

8 September. About this time the first work was finished in bringing the water into Esholt house.¹¹ There was about two tuns and 32 stone of lead used in making the pipes, which, with charge of workmanship and laying, and with cocks, &c., cost me above 40*l.*

I paid 3*d.* a yard for casting great pipe and small, 8*d.* a joynit for every joynit at 30 yards (was 248 yards and $\frac{1}{2}$) ; and the workman had 3*l.* for mason worke at the dam ; and Firth, the plumber, is to uphold the pipes within ground for seaven years, for 12*d.* per annum, at every year's end.

Md. In the later end of October, 1703, I bargained with Samuel Jowett, of Idle, for the Little Inge, next Jobson Hill,

⁹ *Struck me in hand.* Still the usual method of *striking* a bargain, among farmers and cattle dealers.

¹⁰ Stapleton, a township in the parish of Darrington, liberty of Pontefract, 4 miles from Ferrybridge, 12 from Doncaster. The mansion here was built by Edward Lascelles, Esq., afterwards Earl of Harewood.

¹¹ Esholt Hall is a handsome house, about a mile from Apperley Bridge station. It was built, as the succeeding passages will shew, by Walter Calverley, who also laid out the surrounding estate in a beautiful manner, taking advantage of, and improving every advantageous point in its natural disposition. He planted a fine, lengthy avenue of elms, along which the two white stone fronts of the house are seen to great advantage, backed up as they are by the well-planted pleasure-grounds and park, and the rather extensive natural woods with which the hills to the north are covered.

for which I paid him 26*l.* 10*s.*, and he executed assurance to me for it by way of lease and release, and was bond for performances to me, and also a counterpart executed from me.

My cozen Benjamin Waide came up towards later end of Aprill, 1704, in company of Mr. Lumley and others, and I went with him down to Cambridge in the second week in May, and he was admitted fellow commoner of Jesus Colledge, and Mr. Warren his tutor.

5 June. I went to my cozen Stanhope's, of Horsforth, and stood surety with Sir Walter Hawkesworth for his son, who was called Walter, and my Lady Lowther was godmother.

About the later end of this June, my Lady Aiscough and severall other company came and staid 3 or 4 days at Esholt.

19 July. I went to quarter sessions at Leeds, and dined at Mr. Hey, the mayor's.

And at same sessions I had a commission brought me by Mr. Hewett from the honorable Henry Boyle, Esq., chancellor of the exchequer, and guardian to the earl of Burlington, to be a deputy-lieutenant pro West Ridd. com. Ebor., for which I gave Mr. Hewett a guineay.

About middle of *August*, Sir John Kay came and gave me a visit at Esholt, and staid two or three days.

21 August. John Hare dyed suddenly at Esholt, of a pain at his heart, having been my mother's servant since my father's death, and though his legacy of 4*l.* for this year was extinguished by it, yet out of kindnessse I paid Saml. Bradley, and William Briggs, his son, for half of it, 40*s.*, and we were kind to them about his funeral. He was buried at Calverley church, 23rd same August.¹²

28 Augt. Agreed with Joseph Mawde to serve me one year from this day, for which he is to have 5*l.*, and 20*s.* to buy him a frock with for brewing, and a livery, vitz., coat, waistcoat, breeches, hat, and stockings; and his imployment is to be, to look to all the stables, and horses, and mares, both in the house and pastures, to keep the fold clean, and also the pheasant garden and little garden within the pales in the fold, and see the trees be therein nailed any time as occasion, and also to keep the

¹² 1704. "John Hare, of Calverley, died at Esholt, buried Aug. 23."—*Calverley Parish Register.*

court before the hall door clean, and grass places in good order, and also to brew master all his drink, to keep the jack in order, to take care of the calash and drive it, to keep the boat carefully locked, cleaned, and dressed, to wait at the table when occasion,¹³ and, if he does not his best, but neglects these things, to have no wages.

About middle of Aug., Mr. Rawson,¹⁴ vicar of Calverley, was commissioned by letter of attorney to collect the rents, &c., for sister Nevile.

4 September. I went to Osgodby to see Sir Walter Hawkesworth, Mr. Emott with us, and staid till that day seaven-night, and then returned again with Sir Walter to Esholt. We went and dined with Mr. Metcalfe one day, with Mr. Baynes another, and with Mr. Wakefield another day.

12 October. My mother went to live at York, and designed to be boarded at Mr. Brown's, and, same day, I begun to keep house at Eshall.

On the last day of October, I waited of Mr. Arthington, and he was so kind as to give me fourscore tench, and twenty carps, towards stocking my ponds, for which I gave his man 5s., and afterwards sent Mr. Arthington a present of two dozen of partridges.

1 January, 1704-5. My mother executed the deeds for settling the estate of Esholt upon me; for which I am to pay her (with the rent for Pollards, &c., included), 200*l.* clear, on first day of May and 1st November, by equal portions, yearly, for her life.

In April, 1705. I was desired to stand godfather for Mr. Fawkes' second daughter, upon which I writt down to Sir Walter¹⁵ to desire him to represent me (being myself in London at that time), and to give his guineas in the house, which he did. This daughter was named Margaret.¹⁶

¹³ A most amusing summary of a general servant's duties. He was to be groom, stud-groom, coachman, gardener, boatman, brewer, and footman on great occasions.

¹⁴ The Rev. William Rawson, B.A., was instituted vicar of Calverley on the 17th of July, 1698, and held the living until his death on May 3rd, 1715, when he was aged 63 years.

¹⁵ Sir Walter Hawkesworth.

¹⁶ 1705. April 19, Margaret, daughter of Francis Fawkes, of Farnley, Esq., bap.—*Otley Register.*

Mr. Calverley, the dancing master (after I came down), sent to me to desire me to stand godfather to his child, upon which I writt to him to get somebody to stand for me, and to give two guineas, and I would pay it again.

30 April, 1705. Paid my mother 100*l.*, being the first half year payment of her rent charge for the whole estate, and had a receipt.

8 May. Md. upon the coroner's inquest touching the death of James Coates,¹⁷ drowned in the mill dam, found that he came to his death by misfortune, and, that nothing moved thereto, &c., before Jno. Sugden, the coroner.

10 May. Sir Nicholas Sherburne's¹⁸ court holden, and the jury came and viewed the cutt, and Sir Nicholas's steward, Mr. Dalton, carried very high, and said I had incroached upon his master's liberty, which I denied, but the jury said little or nothing; and, 11 May, in the morning after, sent Saml. Hemingway up to Guiseley, to speak to the steward about it, and for liberty to get stones; who objected many things, but promised to do his best to his master for a reconciliation about matters, &c.

23 May. The election for knights of the shire was at York Castle, but I was not thore, by reason of my sister's illnesse, but Sir John Kay and Lord Hartington were elected,¹⁹ Mr. Wentworth desisting the second day after they begun to poll.

" "1705, May 8, James Coates, of Esholt, buried."—*Calverley Parish Register.*

¹⁷ After the partition of which took place in the estates of Sir Christopher Warde, Guiseley Manor appears to have been sold, for I cannot trace it by marriage to the wealthy family of the Sherburnes, of Stonyhurst, in Lancashire. The last male descendant of the Sherburne family was Sir Nicholas Sherburne, Bart., who died A.D. 1717, and by his last will, dated August 9th that year, bequeathed Stonyhurst House, together with an addition of £500 per annum to her jointure, to his wife, Catherine Sherburne, for life, and the reversion of that and all his estates, to wit, the manors of Wigglesworth, Guiseley, and Eabhol, in Yorkshire, and the manors of Aighton, Bailey, Chaigley, Dutton, Ribchester, Wiswall, Chippin, Leagrain, and Chorley, in Lancashire, to his daughter Mary, Duchess of Norfolk, her heirs and assigns for ever. Dr. Whitaker further states, "I do not know at what precise time afterwards the manor of Guiseley was sold to the freeholders, who are now stated to be joint lords."

¹⁸ Sir John Kaye, Bart., received 1583 votes; the Marquess of Hartington, 1,381; Thomas Wentworth, 894. On the death of Sir John Kay, a new writ was issued December 3rd.

My sister Waide, having been out of health a good while, and by reason of a jaundise reduced to a very great weaknesse, and having lost her stomach, it pleased God that she dyed, at New Grange, on Saturday, 26th May, about noon, or near one of clock of the same day. She was sensible to the last moment, and dyed very penitently, and I was there, and my mother, and had been most of that week, and also severall times before, and her funerall was appointed to be at Calverley on the Wednesday following. At which time she was brought in a hearse upon my wheels to Calverley church, and interred in my father's quire, this being 30 May same,²⁰ and Mr. Killingbeck, vicar of Leeds,²¹ preached a sermon (being by her direction), and took his text out of first book of Kings, chapt. 19, verse 4, about the prophet Elijah requesting for himselfe that he might dye; which he handled very gravely. The gentlemen at the funerall had gloves and scarfes, which were above 60, and all the rest gloves, which perhaps might be about 70 or 80, besides gentlemen's men, &c. And there was 5*l.* given out to be distributed to the poor, by Mr. Graham and S. H., to have been 3*d.* a piece, but they finding them very numerous, gave them but 2*d.* a piece, and in so doing distributed all that, and near 10*s.* more. So that there were towards 700 poor persons that had doal.

Sir Nicholas Sherburn, of Stonyhurst, came over and dined at Esholt, and after dinner we had talk about the dam and cutt

²⁰ "1705, May 30. Ann, uxor of Benjamin Wade, Esq., buried."—*Calverley Parish Register*.

²¹ The Rev. John Killingbeck, B.D., was the eldest son of John Killingbeck, Esq., of Headingley, mayor of Leeds in 1677. He was born at Headingley Hall, 15 February, 1649, and baptized in the newly-erected chapel of that village. On April 11th, 1671, he was admitted of Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took both degrees in arts, and that of Bachelor of Divinity. He resided in this college for fifteen years, was elected a Fellow, and as a tutor became very eminent. He was ordained deacon by Dr. Gunning, Bishop of Chichester, and master of St. John's College, May 23rd, 1678. He received the order of priesthood at Bishopthorpe, 29th September, 1675. After being curate to his friend, Dr. W. Cooke, at Harleton, near Cambridge, from 1677, he was constituted one of the University preachers, and in May, 1682, he became lecturer of St. Nicholas's Chapel, Lynn Regis. After it was certain that the Rev. John Milner's scruples as to taking the oaths to William III. were invincible, Mr. Killingbeck was instituted to the vicarage of Leeds (July, 1690). He held the living until his death, on February 12th, 1715-6. He was interred under the communion table of his own church, on the 16th.—*Thoresby's Vicaria Leodiensis*, p. 121; *Whitaker's Loidis and Elmoto*, p. 40; *Thoresby's Dnoat Lood.*, p. 138; *Whitaker's Thoresby*, p. 206.

I had made for bringing water over the green, which I justified to be my right, but Sir Nicholas, when he went away, said he would spend his manor before he suffered it, upon which I told Sir Nicholas that we had been very kind in suffering his tenants to passe down our grounds so long for a very small recompense, but that I would turn them, and thereupon ordered the Milnfield gate to be locked.

9 July. One Thomas Haughton, of Aighton, an old flaxen-haired man, and one of Sir Nicholas Sherburn's tenants (as he pretended himself to be), came over and went privily to Thomas Beeston, and got a gavelock, and wrested and pulled down a stone or two of the clow, and one or two of the stones of the dam, but, before we could get to him to catch him, run away, but said he did it by Sir Nicholas' order.

July. I indicted Thomas Beeston, at Leeds sessions, upon two indictments, one for harbouring Anne Hay as an inmate, and the other for continuing a cottage.

19 July. When I was gone to Scarborough spaw, Sir Nicholas Sherburn, of Stonyhirst, came over to Esholt, and brought with him one Mr. Hornby (as was said, with a pretence to make an accomodation about the dam and cutt, which he came and viewed, and consulted with the gentlemen about them) and they walked to and fro, and afterwards Sir Nicholas came down from the round house with his two servants, Henry Cartmeall and Lawrence Cottam, to the dam, and directed them (as might be plainly guessed) about pulling the same down, for afterwards they rod up to the round house, and, after long conference, Thomas Beeston run down from thence to his own house, to fetch the key (as supposed) of the round house, which he was repairing, and opened the door and went in with Mr. Dalton, and fetched out a gavelock or two, an iron mall, which Mr. Dalton delivered to the said servants; but Sir Nicholas and the other gentleinen, and a waiting man or two, rid to Guyseley, and Mr. Dalton followed after, but the servants came down, brought their tools, and alighted at the dam, and, having pulled their coats off, and beginning to pull the same down further than it was before, Sam. Hemingway desired them in civil terms that they would discover their names, but they refused so to do, but said they were Sir Nicholas' servants, and employed by him to do it, and might be found any time at Stonyhirst, whereupon Sam. sent for

the constable, but whilst he was in coming, and a warrant fetch-ing, they went away, after they had pulled up and tumbled down some four or five stones, before the constable came, and their names could not be discovered then till a long time after, though great inquiry was made, but the dam was forthwith after made up again. Test to all these passages, William Chippendale, Isaac Dawson, William Horn, Saml. Hemingway, (*blank*) Jen-nings the wright, Mr. Emott, and severall others.

15 Augt. I went from Esholt to go to Sir Nicholas Sher-burn's, of Stonyhurst, and took with me Mr. Emott, and Mr. Rawson of Bradford met us at Skipton, and we went that night to Gisborn, and lay there, and the next day to Stonyhurst; and, after dinner, had discourse about the dam and cutt I had made for bringing the water, and Sir Nicholas seemed very courteous, and said I would not ask anything which he would not grant, and for any small acknowledgment yielded, I should not only have that, but liberty to make any other cutt, and, particularly, over Simp-son and Tiddiswell crofts, and to get stone, &c., and I thought it had been fully agreed that I should give Sir Nicholas some small consideration, and for that should have liberty granted to me and my heirs, to maintain, repair, and continue the said dam and cutt as should think fit, and attach a dam to Simpson croft, and bring a cutt over it and Tiddiswell croft, for conveying water higher into the West field if I thought fit; and Sir Nicholas yielded that it might be with a proviso not to prejudice the right I had to the wast, below or under the cutt I had already made; and pursuant to that agreement I ordered a paper to be drawn up next morning in manner of articles to that effect, but, when I came to shew it, Sir Nicholas wanted the way to be inserted for leave for his tenants to go down my grounds, in consideration of granting me the libertyes above, and proposed that if I would grant that liberty to him and his heirs, he would pay a yearly acknow-ledgment, and likewise that his tenants should be at the charge of repairing the way, but I told him that I could not condescend to that, for that the libertyes he proposed to grant to me were no ways equivalent to what he desired me to grant him; but at the same time I told him that if he would execute the instrument we had drawn, I would open my gates for his tenants to passe as formerly, and that probably I should never disturb them during my life, if they behaved themselves well, and instanced how kind

we had been to them in suffering them to passe so long, when the acknowledgments they had made for the saame had fallen farr short of the charge of repairing the way ; but Sir Nicholas, not willing to rely upon this, proposed that, seeing I was not willing to grant that liberty of way to him and his heirs, that then, if I would grant him that liberty for his life, he would grant me the other libertyes for my life, which I told him I could not condescend to, for that he had no pretence of right for what he desired from me, but that I was well satisfyed that the piece of ground or wast, over which I had made a cutt, belonged to me, and therefore what Sr. Nicholas pretended to grant me, was at best only a disputable right as to the dam and cutt already made, and though I did condescend to pay Sr. Nicholas some small consideration, 'twas only for peace, and to prevent a suit, but I always insisted upon it, that the parcell of ground over which the cutt was made belonged to me, and that I could make better proof thereof than what Sir Nicholas could make appear for himself about it ; whereupon it was proposed by one Mr. Hornby, who was with us all the time, and appeared as agent for Sir Nicholas, that Sir Nicholas should grant me the libertyes, as above, to me and my heirs, and that, in consideration thereof, I should grant Sir Nicholas the liberty of the way during my life ; to which proposal Sir Nicholas seemed to comply on his part, but I refused to accept thereof, saying if Sir Nicholas would execute the paper, I would open my gates for his tenants to passe as above, but would not make any grant in writing of the liberty of the way, upon which the treaty of accommodation broke off, and we came away.

This narrative is a true relation of what passed betwixt Mr. Calverley and Sir Nicholas Sherburn, when I went with Mr. Calverley to Stonyhurst at the time mentioned therein.—W. RAWSON.

Thursday, 12 or 13 September. Came to the funerall of old Mrs. Hitch, at Leathley, and had each of us a scarf given. My mother also and Mr. Coates were invited.

29 September. This day the articles were executed between Mr. Holmes and Abraham Milner and me about the dam in Yendon Gill, &c., to which were witnesses, Mr. Emott, Isaac Dawson, and Sam. Hemingway. And I paid Saml. Hemingway for them, being two sides, whereof I had one and Mr. Holmes

the other, 7s. 6d., and neither Mr. Holmes nor Abraham Milner paid anything.

22nd October. Went to the funeral of Mr. Layton,²² who was buried at Rawdon, and had a scarf and gloves, and also Mr. Emott the like.

10th December. Went to the funerall of Sir Wm. Lowther, who dyed on the 7th instant, and was this day buried at Kippax, and had gloves and a ring.

12th December. I had articled before this day with Mr. Samuel Swayne,²³ about the purchase of his lands in Horsforth, for which I was to give him (above one guineay in land) 435*l.* at sealing, and give him bond for other 500*l.*, to be paid after his death, which, with the rent charge of 30*l.* upon it, or 600*l.* payable to his son Samuel's executors, with which it is charged after his death, was to make up the whole purchase money for it, only he to have a lease back for life, at 12*d.* per pound of what I paid in hand. And, Md., at time of articles making. . . . (*Then follows a detailed account of their proceedings.*) Witnesses: "My brothers Neville and Wade, Mr. Rawson, the vicar of Calverley, Mr. John Pollard of New Laithes, and Saml. Hemingway, &c.

Md., about *August*, 1705, I and Robt. Garnett, the miller of my mills at Calverley, brought out a subpoena out of the duchy against William Hollingworth, Josiah Booth, and Robert Burnell, all of Pudsey, for defaults in not grinding their corn at the said mill; and, before the bill was filed, in November after, William Hollingworth, being Mr. Milner's tenant at Stanningley Green, came and agreed with us, paid twenty shillings (though

²² "Here lieth interred the body of Henry Layton, of this town of Rawdon, Esq., son and heir of Francis Layton, late of Rawdon aforesaid, Esq., who by his said father's order finished this chapel. He died on the 18th of October in the year of our Lord Christ, 1705, in the 88rd year of his age."—*Epitaph under the Communion Table in Rawdon Church.* Henry Layton was accounted a good historian and an accomplished gentleman, and is said to have published, about the latter end of the seventeenth century, a number of tracts on British Coins, and also against pluralities. He became quite blind in his old age, and had to employ an amanuensis (Mr. Timothy Jackson).

²³ Francis Swayne, barrister-at-law, of York, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Ferrand, of Westhall, and was buried at St. Olaven, 10 Aug., 1677. Elizabeth, wife of Francis Swayne, junior, was buried at St. Michael-le-Belfrey, York, 20 August, 1679, where her son Duckinfield was buried the 15 August before,

I returned him 5s. again) for his defaults and charge of suit, and signed an acknowledgment that the inhabitants of Pudsey were tyed to the mills, &c., and afterwards the bill was filed against the other two defendants, Booth and Burnell, but they came and submitted, the 19th December, 1705, and paid each of them twenty shillings (though I returned each of them 5s. out of the money) for their defaults, and charges of suit, and signed an acknowledgment in like manner as Hollingworth, that the inhabitants of Pudsey were obliged to bring their corn to Calverley mills to be ground, &c.

In *December*, I sent William Horn and Joseph Stocks to Hull to buy boards, and they brought severall quantityes of Mr. Andrew Perrett, Leonard Hollings, and Towers Wallis, there severally. A catalogue whereof all together is here sett down, with prices.

	£	s	d
300 clean deals, cost
10 Norway oak boards, of 2 inches thicknesse, 6s. 2d. p. b.	8	1	8
30 oak boards of one inch and $\frac{1}{4}$ thicknesse, 4s. 8d. p. b.	4	18	8
20 oak boards of one inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ thick, 8s. 10d. per b.	8	6	8
100 oak of one inch thicknesse	15
100 oak boards of $\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick	12
100 oak boards of half inch thick, at 2ld. per board	...	10	10
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350 oak.	Tot.	£	81
300 deals.		16	8
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Tot. 650 boards, and 4 deal poles in at the bargain.

On *Wednesday*, the 26th *December*, Mr. Thornton (of Leeds), came and dined with me, and in the afternoon we went to Mr. Busfield's and mett Dr. Richardson,²⁴ and others, and that night went to Mr. Currer's, of Kildwick, and, in the morning after, arose very early, and the writings about Dr. Richardson's settlement upon his marriage to be with Mr. Currer's daughter were first read and executed, and I was named a trustee herein, and joyned in the execution of them, though did not hear them

²⁴ Dr. Richardson was one of the most distinguished scholars of his day. A Selection from his Correspondence was published by his descendant, Miss Currer, of Eshton Hall. Dr. Richardson considerably augmented the family estate during his lifetime, and died 21 April, 1741. For further particulars see James' *History of Bradford*, p. 880, *et seq.*; Nichols' *Illustrations of the Literature of the Eighteenth Century*; Whitaker's *Loidis and Elmeto*, p. 254; Dr. Pulteney's *Botanical Sketches*; the preface to the third edition of Ray's *Synopsis*, and his *Historia Muscorum*.

read; and Mr. Currer paid Dr. Richardson in gold that morning 500*l.*, all but 2*s.* 6*d.* in silver, to make up with, and gave him three bonds, said to be of 500*l.* a piece besides, to make up his daughter's portion, and were afterwards married that day at Kildwick: and we staid at Mr. Currer's till Friday, the day following, in the afternoon, what time I and Mr. Thornton, with Mr. Brock, and Mr. Emott, came to Mr. Starkey's of Riddlesden, and staid their all night, and till next day, being Saturday in the afternoon, and came thence with Mr. Thornton, who stayd with us at Esholt that night, and next day being Sunday in the afternoon, went homewards towards night.

On *Monday, 14 Januar.*, the day before my birthday, having before that made a bargain with John Milner and John Exly about Pratt's house and croft, Mr. Holmes came down with John Milner's wife, and Mary Dawson of Idle and John Exly came up, and we sent for John Milner's wife, and read over the deeds, being by way of lease and release, which were agreed to and executed to me by all the said parties, *vizt.*, John Milner and Dorothy his wife, surviving daughter of Wm. Dawson, late of Roecliffe, Mary Dawson of Idle, her aunt, and John Exly, her uncle, to me, my heirs and assigns for ever.

Md., in this *January* I sold my wood in the great park at Calverley to Mr. John Moor, of Kirkstall Forge, for 450*l.*, to be taken off in two years' time, according to articles.²²

Easter Day, 24 March, 1705, Saml. Hemingway made the tenders of the modus's for tythe corn and tythe hay as usuall, in Otley church, but nobody received them.

At the sessions at Pontefract (1706, April), we gott one of the adjournments of the generall quarter sessions at Michaelmas, which was usually holden at Wakefield, removed to Bradford and Hallifax, to be holden yearly at Michaelmas, *alternis vicibus*, *vizt.*, the first year at Bradford, and the next at Hallifax, and so by turns.

11th April, 1706. I went to Saml. Swayne's at Horsforth . . . and when we came away, Saml. Swayne ridd out with

²² Indenture made 5 Jan., 1706, betw. Walter Calverley, of C., Esq., and J. M., of Kirkstall Forge, gent. All trees in great park, except ringed trees, wavers, or standills, and the wood growing upon the watering place occupied by Wm. Rawson, clerk, vicar of C.

us and came along towards Captain Beale's,²⁶ and shewed us where Mr. Stanhope had taken in a piece of the lane (which was his grounds) for watering, and is so still inclosed; but that he felled the wood and brush in the lane, and told me that a crooked oak standing in the fence, which Mr. Stanhope had drawn, was mine, and his servants attested as much, and shewed divers places where wood was cutt down close to the fences of Mr. Stanhope, and said the whole lane was their master's right, &c.

Md., in the first week of this *May*, we laid the foundation of my new house at Esholt, having made preparation for the work in the winter before, and Joseph Pape was the chief mason.²⁷

20th May. A court was holden for my manor of Calverley,²⁸ and the jury rid the boundaryes, and viewed the incroachments on the moor, &c.; and I gave them 5s. to spend at dinner, and 3*l.* for extraordinary labour for viewing, &c., to spend afterwards.

Md., on *Tuesday*, the *28th May*, I went with Sir Walter Hawkesworth to the cockings at Wakefield, and stay'd there till Saturday, first of June after, what time I returned.

August 14th, 1706. This day I was at the funerall of Sir John Kay, of Woodsome. I was a bearer, and had a pair of good shamy gloves, a very good scarf, a ring of 20*s.* price; and an hat band.

21. I went to Mr. Copley's house at Ardsley, to wait upon my Lord Brudenell, being the first time of his coming into this country.²⁹

14th Oct. I was at Sir Arthur Kay's, at Woodsome, who

²⁶ Captain Henry Beale married Hannah, the widow of John Stanhope, Esq., of Horsforth (see p. 18, n.) He probably resided at Horsforth Low Hall, close to the boundary of the Stanhope and Culverley estates.

²⁷ An account of what the kitching at Esholt lyes me in.

4 July, pade a man of Idle for throe days' working at Eshall, besides meate, 1*s.* 6*d.*; Nicall, one week, besides the drafe, two days, two hundred of bricks, 2*s.*; Nicolas, one day, with the cart, pade John Bouth, in part of his wage, 10*s.*; for 20 loads of lime, 1*l.* 6*d.*; for nales, to a Shefeld man, 5*s.*; pade Roades and his brother, 15*s.*; pade more to John Bonth, 5*s.*; pade more to Roades and his brother, 10*s.*; pade Willm. Horne, 1*l.* 15*s.*; pade Thomas Tidswell, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for furdells, besides fetching, 2*l.*; 5 loads of lime, 5*s.*; pade the joyners, that came from Otley, 10*s.* 6*d.*; pade the plasterer, 7*s.* 8*d.*; 5*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*—*My Leaf, Mem. Bk.*

²⁸ In manor rolls.

²⁹ Country used of course in the sense of district.

told me Sir John Kay had made me a trustee by his will, and left me 10 guineas.

16th October. I went to York, and, day after, stood god-father for Sir Walter Hawksworth's second daughter, who was named Judith.

On *Sunday, 21st July, 1706*, I went towards Newcastle, and dined at Mr. Fawkes in my way this day, and gott thither on Tuesday night, and, whilst I staid, lodged at Mr. Thomlinson's,¹ being two nights, and on Wednesday dined and supped at Lady Blackett's, and, Thursday afternoon, set forwards for home, and gave Mr. Pemberton a visit in my return, and gott home on Saturday night.

And, after that, I went about twice or thrice before we came to conclude of the match, but made not long staying either time, and still dined at my Lady Blackett's, and she sent her coach for me to dinners. And about the beginning of October, 1706, the match was agreed upon, and I signed proposalls in order to a settlement for marriage.

And in beginning of November after, I went over and took Saml. Henningway with me to assist about matters, and the settlement, drawing, &c., and staid most of a three weeks, and the draught was made very long, but not then fully agreed to, though we had council of both sides, and severall meetings both of Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Thomlinson, and the council, and at some of them I was also present myself. They made use of Mr. John Ord for drawing the writings, and Mr. Barnes council for my Lady ; and I had Mr. John Cuthberts, the recorder of Newcastle, for my council, but the matter was not concluded, upon account of some scruples about the young lady's portion, when it would be due and payable, but was left off (though in great forwardnesse towards finishing) till my lady had sent to London and taken advice about the portion, which she did later end of same November, and had opinion that it was payable upon marriage ; but because some doubt was made by Mr. Poley about the interest, and that Mr. Vernon seemed to advise for a decree to confirm matters, &c., I applyed my self to Mr. Thornton, who, to make the payment more secure, advised two or three years time to be set for payment of it, with interest, and if not paid in

¹ Rev. Robert Thomlinson, mentioned before.

that time, the settlement to be void, or els that the trustees should stand seizd to such uses as I should afterwards appoint, and then upon payment I might make a deed with uses according to the settlement, or else my Lady might in that time (if thought fit), obtain a decree for mortgaging, &c., of which I writt to my Lady, but she would not consent to it, though by Mr. Thomlinson's letters I had thought it would have been agreed to, and sent Sam. over afterwards towards Christmas, but he returned without effecting anything.³ So, rather than the match should break, I consented to take my Lady and Mr. Wilkinson's promise for payment. . . . And afterwards, the 30th Dec., 1706, I went over, and gott to Newcastle, 1 January after, and concluded the settlement and all things pursuant on the 6th January. . . . The witnesses to the writings were Mr. Thomlinson, Mr. Ord, and Sam. Hemingway.³

³ Extract from a letter from Samuel Hemingway to Walter Calverley, dated "Durham, 20 Dec., 1706.—Sir, I am thus far advanced, having had 2 extraordinary good days, and the roads, I think, no worse than was before. I have been considering Mr. Th[omlinso]n will be importuning me to be at his house; which I think by all means must decline, for besides the perpetual harangues I shall be disturbed with of my lady's greatness and magnificence, I fear I should not have the freedom of writing anything without danger of having it inspected. And besides (which would be the greatest inconvenience of all) if you should direct me thither, Mr. T. would wait the opening of the letters, and be acquainted with things at first sight, and would quite spoil us for writing over anything anew for my lady or Mrs. B. So I resolve to be at the old house, Mrs. Swinhoe's, the Angel, in the Pigg Market, whither (if you write) could wish yours might be directed."

On 21 Dec., 1706, "R. T." (doubtless Mr. Thomlinson), writes to Mr. Calverley, telling him that they were "now fallen into a new labyrinth of difficulties," that, counsel, upon perusal of Mr. C.'s father's will, have started new scruples, which Mr. Hemingway only partially satisfies, the point not cleared up is as to his mother's "thirds." The writer presses for a speedy explanation, as, if it is not forthcoming, these things will "fall flatt upon him, and be a deadly stroak to his reputation."

On 22 Dec., Walter Calverley writes to Saml. Hemingway, enclosing letters for Mr. Thomlinson and Mrs. Blackett. "He hath writh me strange, unaccountable letters, and tells of some resentments against me, for which I am very sorry, and would desire you, if possible, learn out the ground, and do what in you lies to get things concluded to our satisfactions; and carry on as tenderly and discreetly as you can, observing the orders I gave you, and let me know when my coming will be expected. I am, your reall friend and servant,

W^R. CALVERLEY.

* For a copy of marriage settlement see Add. MS., 27,410, fo. 220, old number (225 new). Dated Jan., 1706. It consists of 8 very large sheets of paper, very closely written on, 27 words a line, and about 50 lines a page.



LADY JULIA,
DAUGHTER OF SIR WILLIAM BLACKETT, BART., OF WALLINGTON,
NORTHUMBERLAND;
AND WIFE OF SIR WALTER CALVERLEY, BART.

FROM A PORTRAIT IN THE POSSESSION OF SIR CHARLES E. TREVELYAN,
BART., K.C.B.

On *Tuesday*, the 7th *January*, 1706-7, I was marryed to Mrs. Julia Blackett (the eldest daughter of Sir Wm. Blackett), in St. Andrew's church, in Newcastle, by Mr. Thomlinson, before my Lady, Sir Willm. Blackett, Mrs. Eliz. Blackett, and Mrs. Frances Blackett, brother and sisters to the young lady, my nephew Thompson Wade, Mr. Wilkinson, and others, about eleven in the forenoon. And I gave Mr. Thomlinson as for marrying me, a purse with (*blank*) guineays, intending to be for trouble also which I had given him, in lodging at his house for all the times before, and other kindnesses, &c. And my Lady was at cost of entertaining all friends and relations, upon this occasion. But I gave them gloves, and when I came away first to Esholt, about 3rd February, 1706-7, I distributed to the servants in the household abt. 16 or 17 guineays, and on the road, &c., about 140*l.*, besides other charges hereafter mentioned. I gave Mr. Cuthbert, the council, in Novem., 1706, 3 guineays about the settlement, which he only perused and amended, and had no more trouble, save the perusing of the bonds, which Sam. Hemingway drew, about the jewells and other matters. My Lady paid for the settlement about 18*l.*, and, Md., when 'twas first drawn, they had my writings to peruse, which I took over with me for that purpose. I and my mother were at cost of a fine set of dressing plate for my wife, came to 116*l.* odd money. And I paid for a pair of ear rings for her, 180*s.*, and a bill for gloves bought at London, 15*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, and for a new coach, bought of one Geo. Whitelatch, 82*l.* 7*s.*, and for velvet for lining it, &c., 30*l.* 7*s.*; in all, 374*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* And, Md., I was at charge also for more gloves at Esholt, and it cost me for my own wedding cloathes, and a long wigg and liverys, &c., near 300*l.*, besides 50*l.* laid out about buying in new coach mares on this occasion.

Md., on the 20th *Feb.*, 1706, I went over to Newcastle again, and staid there till 17th March, what time I set forward with my wife in our own coach, and gott to Esholt on the 20th same month. No company came with us, but my wife's woman, Mrs. Bristow; and nephew Thompson Wade and Mr. Coates mett us at Knaresbrough.

Easter Day, 13 *Apriill*, 1707. I sent Tho. Marsh to make the usual tender of tythes in Otley church, but no one there to receive them.

Md., 3 June, Tuesday in Whitsun week, my Lady Blackett came to Esholt, having comed in the stage coach from Newcastle to Topcliffe, and from thence in my coach hither, and Sir William Blackett also and Mr. Clavering came with her, and my Lady stayed with us till Monday, 6th June, that she went on her journey to the Bath, in Wakefield coach, with my wife's sisters, Elizabeth and Frances, and left sister Isabella with us. We went with them as far as Wakefield with our coach, and Sir William and Mr. Clavering returned and stayed till Wednesday after, and then set forwards again for Newcastle.

11 August, 1707. Sir Arthur Kay⁴ come to Esholt, and with him Dr. Richardson and Mr. Lindley, and brought with him three very large parchment deeds for me to execute on account of the trust by Sir John Kay's will, Sir Brian Stapleton⁵ of Myton,⁶ Bart., Walter Calverley, of Esholt, Esq., and Thomas Thornhill,⁷ of Fixby,⁸ Esq., trustees. Settles the manor or lordship of Woodsome-cum-Farnley-Tyas,⁹ mannor of Slaithwaite-cum-Lingarth,¹⁰ mannor of Houley,¹¹ mannor of Denbigh

⁴ Sir Arthur Kaye, Bart., was several times M.P. for the county of York. He was the son of Sir John Kaye, Bart., by Anne, d. of William Lister, Esq., of Thornton. Sir Arthur died in 1726, leaving an only daughter, Elizabeth, who was married, 1stly, to George, Viscount Lewisham, and 2ndly, to Francis, Lord North and Guilford. Upon Sir Arthur's death, the baronetcy devolved upon his nephew, Sir John Lister-Kaye.

⁵ Sir Bryan Stapylton, of Myton, Bart., was the son of Sir Henry Stapylton, Bart., by Elizabeth, daughter of Conyers, Lord Darcy, afterwards Earl of Holderness. He was high sheriff for Yorkshire, 85 Charles II. He married Anne, daughter of Sir John Kaye, of Woodsome, co. York, Bart., and died 23 Nov., 1727, his widow surviving until 1 March, 1729-30.

⁶ Myton, 8 miles from Boroughbridge, 7 from Easingwold, 15 from York.

⁷ Thomas Thornhill, of Fixby, Esq., was high sheriff of Yorkshire, 1745, died unmarried, 18 May, 1751, aged 71. He was the son of George Thornhill, of Fixby, Esq., by Mary, daughter and heiress of Thomas Wyvill, Esq., of Constable Burton.

⁸ Fixby, in the par. of Halifax, 2½ miles from Huddersfield, 6 from Halifax.

⁹ Woodsome, in the township of Farnley-Tyas, 8 miles from Huddersfield. Farnley-Tyas, in the parish of Almondbury, 4 miles from Huddersfield, 5½ from Leeds, 6 from Bradford.

¹⁰ Slaithwaite, in the parish of Huddersfield. Lingards, in the parish of Almondbury.

¹¹ Howley, in the township and par. of Batley, formerly the seat of an illegitimate branch of the Saviles.

Grange,¹² messuages in Thurston-Land,¹³ Fallas,¹⁴ hamlet of Rowley,¹⁵ messuages in Burton,¹⁶ Flockton,¹⁷ Almondbury,¹⁸ Dalton,¹⁹ &c., in Com. Ebor.

Before Christmas, 1707, sent Mr. Thomlinson a present of a dozen knives and a dozen forks, with silver handles, to Newcastle, cost me 13*l.* or upwards, in gratification of kindnesses received from him.

Thursday, 11 Sept. Made an entertainment at Esholt to all the neighbouring gentlemen and their ladyes, and on

Saturday after, being 13th same Sept., had my tenants and neighbours and wives at another entertainment provided on purpose. Both the said entertainments were upon the account of my wife's coming to Esholt.

I went to Boroughbridge to meet my Lady Blackett on her return from London to her castle, and took sister Arabella with me. And from thence went to my Lady Aiscough's at Osgodby, and staid there two nights, and returned home on Saturday after.

18th December, 1707. It pleased God to give my wife safe delivery of a boy²⁰ about ten o'clock in the forenoon of this day,

¹² Denhy Grange, in the township of Whitley, and parish of Kirkheaton, 6 miles from Huddersfield, 7 from Wakefield.

¹³ Thurstonland, in the par. of Kirkburton, 5 miles from Huddersfield.

¹⁴ Fall House, a hamlet in the township of Whitley, and parishes of Kirkheaton and Thornhill, 8 miles from Dewsbury, 7 from Wakefield.

¹⁵ Rowley, in the township of Lepton, and par. of Kirkheaton, 8 miles from Huddersfield, 10 from Wakefield.

¹⁶ Kirkburton, a parish town, 6 miles from Huddersfield, 8 from Penistone, 11 from Wakefield.

¹⁷ Flockton, in the par. of Thornhill, 6½ miles from Huddersfield.

¹⁸ Almondbury, a parish town, 2 miles from Huddersfield, 10 from Halifax.

¹⁹ Dalton, in the par. of Kirkheaton, 1 mile from Huddersfield.

²⁰ "1707, Dec. 18, Walter, son of Walter Calverley, Esq., of Esholt, bap."—*Otley Register.*

"Walter, son of Sir Walter Calverley, of Calverley, Baronett, and of Julia, eldest daughter of Sir William Blackett, of Newcastle, Baronett, was born on the eighteenth day of December, 1707, about 10 in the morning. Baptized privately the same day, by Mr. James Coates, Domestic Chaplain, and publicly the 16th day of January following, by the said Mr. Coates, the vicar of Otley being indisposed. Sir Walter Hawkesworth, of Hawksworth, Baronett, and Shem Bridges, Esquire, who married an aunt of his mother, were godfathers, and his grandmother, Mrs. Frances Calverley, godmother.—*Calverley Register.*"

On 29 Aug., 1729, he married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Wm.

at Esholt; one Brooksbank's wife, a neighbour, of Shipley, assisting in her labour, but had sent for one — Holdsworth, a midwife, who came and staid after her delivery.

19 December. Mrs. Swayne and Jonas Butterfield mett at Esholt, and I paid Mrs. Swayne 50*l.* towards the 300*l.* remaining unpaid, of the purchase of her husband's lands.

7th January, 1707, being the anniversary of my marriage day, had Mr. Holmes, Richd. Shaw, and some other of the neighbours to dine with me.

15th January, being also my birthday, was the christening of my son, who was named Walter, and his godfathers were Sir Walter Hawkesworth, and my uncle Bridges,²¹ and godmother my own mother. Sir Walter was in person. My brother Wade stood for my uncle Bridges, and Mrs. Richardson²² for my mother, and gave about 3 guineas a piece in all, amongst midwife, keeper, and nurse. . . . My son was christened by Mr. Coates, then chaplain in the house, Mr. Dade²³ being ill of the gout, and we had most of the neighbours and gentry that day.

Md., about 25 March, 1708, I stood godfather to Mr. Procter's son, of Shipley, who was christened by Mr. Coates, by the name of Gascoigne, and Mr. Fawkes stood for the other godfather, instead of Mr. Metcalfe, their kinsman, and Mrs. Metcalfe stood godmother.

Md., towards later end of Aprill, went to Richmond upon the view in the suit between my Lord Wharton and Mr. Marriott, at Hawkerside,²⁴ &c., where a great many of the jury appeared, and had 5 guineas a man, besides our charges here.

Blackett, Bart., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, through which alliance he acquired a very large fortune. In the 7th of George II. he took the surname and arms of Blackett only. Sir Walter Blackett is henceforward associated with Newcastle and Northumberland, to which he was a great benefactor, taking a leading part in all public affairs. He died in London, on February 14, 1777, and was buried in Calverley church, in the old family chapel, at midnight, by the light of blazing torches. The following simple inscription commemorates him:—“Near to this place lyeth the body of Sir Walter Blackett, Bart., son of Sir Walter Calverley, Bart.”

²¹ Stern Bridges, Esq., of Ember Court, co. Surrey, who married Isabella, the eldest daughter of Sir William Blackett (created baronet 12 December, 1673).

²² Most probably the widow of George Richardson, of Woodhall, in Calverley.—See page 52, note.

²³ Thomas Dade, vicar of Otley, who died December 25, 1708.

²⁴ Harkerside is in the township and parish of Grinton, 2½ miles from Reeth.

3rd May, set forward toward London, upon the account of that jury. The points we were to try were :

1st. Whether the place or places where the shafts lately sunk by the Earl of Wharton, in the wasts or moors of Hawkaside, or West Grinton, or any and which of them, be parcell of the manor of Grinton, or the manor of Helaugh.

2ndly. Whether the wasts or moors of Hawkaside or West Grinton, or any and what part thereof, are or is parcell of Grinton, or the manor of Helaugh?

We had, after tryall of this cause, a handsome treat given us by Mr. Marriot, at the Rose, without Temple Barr, as also 20 guineas in a paper presented to each juryman, having, as above said, found the matters in dispute to belong to him.

June 1. My Lady Blackett was pleased to give sonn Watty (when he was at Newcastle with my wife), a correll and correll necklaces, which she wore herself when a child, and all her children after her. And also she gave to my wife 5 guines to buy him a coate withall, for which I am to pay interest to my said wife soe long as I keep it in my hand.

On Sunday, in the afternoon, 16 *May*, 1708, I set forward on horsebacke for the country, and gott down to York on 19 *guines* to the election of the Knights of the Shire there. The candidates were Lord Downe, Sir William Strickland, Sir Arthur Kay, Mr. D'Arcy, and his honour Wentworth, but the majority of votes fell the two first.²⁸

26 May, 1708. I gave a treat to about four score neighbours for having gone in to vote for the Lord Downe and Sir Arthur Kay.

30 May. I gave Robt. Garnett a discharge for trusting any of my servants any more corn for my use, and not to let them have any without ready money.

31st May. I set forward, and Henry Holstead, for Newcastle, and got there the 1st June, whero we stayed till the 11th, and the 12th I and my wife and sonn Watty got to Sir Edward

²⁸ The result of the poll was as follows :—Lord Viscount Downe, 4737 ; Sir William Strickland, Bart., 3452 ; Colonel D'Arcy, 3257 ; Sir Arthur Kaye, Bart., 8139 ; Mr. Wentworth, 268.

Blackett's²⁶ at Newby,²⁷ where we stayed till the 16th, and then came home.

Pontefract Sessions, 6 May, 1709. Gave in my account as treasurer for the riding for the year ended, before Sir Rowland Winn,²⁸ and the rest of the justices, and there remaining 5*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* on the balance in my hands, paid the same by my deputy, Saml. Hemingway, to Mr. Hodgson, for Sir Rowland Winn's use, who was elected by the justices to succeed me. And, Md., the said business of treasurer was mostly done by the said Saml. Hemingway as my deputy, for which I gave him five pounds out of my own pocket, over and besides the allowance for the treasurer's clerk.

Memorand., that on the 12th day of August, 1709, I sent a servant with a coat to wait on Mr. Ellis, of Roal,²⁹ who was then High Sherriffe.

3 August, 1709. I concluded articles with Mr. Parker, of Carlton, for the purchase of Rosse Mills³⁰ and lands, for which

* Sir Edward Blackett, alderman and mayor of Newcastle, and burgess in Parliament for that Corporation, married, first, Mary, only child of Thomas Norton, Esq., of Langthorne, co. York, and by her had no surviving issue; secondly, Mary, daughter of Sir John Yorke, Knt., of Gowthwaite, co. York, who died 28 Nov., 1696, aged 89. He married, thirdly, at Aldborough, 21 Oct., 1699, Diana, daughter of George Booth, Lord Delamere, widow of Sir Ralph Delaval, who died in August, 1696.

* Newby Hall, now the seat of Lady Mary Vyner, is situate on the northern bank of the Yore, about four miles from Ripon and thirteen from Harrogate, commanding beautiful views of the surrounding country. The house was built about the year 1705, by Sir Edward Blackett, at an expense of £82,000. The situation was chosen, and the design made, by Sir Christopher Wren.—*Walbran's Ripon and Fountains Abbey*, 1876, p. 162.

* Sir Rowland Winn, of Nostell, the third baronet, was born 1 July, 1675, and married Letitia, daughter and co-heiress of William Harbord, Esq. (sometime English ambassador in Turkey).

* Rowle Hall, in the parish of Kellington.

* Rosse Mills are in Rodley, in the parish of Bramley, and about 2 miles from Calverley village. They are now occupied as woollen mills, and are still owned by the Thornhills, who purchased them with the Calverley estate, in 1754.

Md. The conveyance was made to me from Mr. Parker, 25 Augt., 1709. But I took it as the repairs were then, though William Horn said he heard Mr. Wigfall and Mr. Nevill talking about the repairs when I articled for them before, with Mr. Parker, and they had drawn up a note which they showed him, and asked him what he thought of it, wherein they had made an estimate of repairs about the dam and mills, which would come to an hundred and odd

I am to give him 580*l.*, and if Mr. Wigfall shall not deliver me up peaceable possession of them, that I be forced to eject him, and to have 10*l.* allowed out of the purchase monies, and Mr. Thornton drew the articles, and is to make the deeds, and on

25 same August, 1709, went to Leeds again, and Mr. Parker²¹ executed to me the conveyance or assignment of his right, and I gave him bond for the payment of the purchase money, vitz., 300*l.*, on Martinmas day, and 280*l.*, the residue, on 7 Febr. next. I gave Mr. Thornton, in all, 3 guineas for his trouble, besides a guinney which I paid Mr. Bernard for the conveyance, and what deeds belonged to the mills solely I had delivered in to me, and had the other securityes and the decree to take copyes of.

1 September. I was at Otley upon Mr. Hacket's businesse, against Mr. Wilson,²² about a forcible entry upon the living of

pounds, as he remembers, and was shewed to him in Mr. Thornton's court, before his house at Leeds, that day our articles were drawn, 3 August, 1709.

To which witnessse my hand, WILLIAM HORN.

And I know this above myselfe to be true, WR. CALVERLEY.

After I had bought them, in the later end of August, laid out about repairing a breach in the dam, in tot., 12*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* It cost me severall days meeting Mr. Parker, and sending to him, before we bargained, &c., 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* And that day the writing was signed to him for making the draught, looking over all the deeds, perusing the title, putting down the heads in the catalogue, and ordering how they should be disposed, 2 guineas.

And to Mr. Bernard, his clerk, for ingrossing of purchase money and stampa, and in conjunction with Mr. Thornton, sending to Wakefield to get registered, one guineay.

And, Md. When the work above was done about the dam, in Augt., 1709, was forced to take off all the workmen abt. my house for it, both masons and carpenters, &c., being a very busy time, and much out of my way to spare them, being then in building my house.—*Memorandum Book, fly leaf.*

²¹ Robert Parker, Esq., of Carlton and Marley Hall, was the second son of Edward Parker, Esq., of Browsholme, by Mary, daughter of Richard Sunderland, Esq., of High Sunderland, par. Halifax. He married Jane, daughter of William Rookes, Esq., of Royds Hall, and died s.p. He was a well-known collector of coins, and succeeded to the valuable collection of Mr. Brearcliffe, of Halifax. He left to a hospital in Warrington certain lands in Keighley, which are known as "Hospital Lands." Edward Parker, Esq., J.P., of Browsholme, and Newton Hall, co. York, and Alkincoats, co. Lancaster, is descended from this family. Alkincoats, an old seat of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John, was purchased by the above Robert, in 1680.—See *Whitaker's History of Whalley*, p. 208; *Morrell's History of Selby*, p. 252: *Holmes' Keighley*, p. 172; *Dugdale's Visitation*, p. 28.

²² Mr. Wilson. Probably Richard Wilson, Recorder of Leeds, acting for Sir Nicholas Sherburn.

Guiseley,³³ and justices there present besides myself, Sir Walter Hawkesworth, and Mr. Fawkes. The foreman of the jury impanelled to enquire, was Mr. Stead, of Baildon, council for Mr. Hackett were lawyers Adams³⁴ and Wickham,³⁵ of York; and attorneys, Mr. Cockcroft, of Bradford, Mr. Holmes for Mr. Wilson (and Mr. Hitch); councils, Mr. Thornton of Leeds, and Mr. Driffield,³⁶ of Rippon; attorneys, Mr. Barker³⁷ of Leeds, and Mr. Rawson of Bradford. A long contest. The jury found it neither forcible entry nor detainer in Mr. Wilson—but said they had not consulted about the others, which might be guilty of breaking open the church doors. There was also Mr. Vavasour upon the bench, and Mr. Hitch also was with us, and Mr. Arthington, and a great number of clergymen stood by me; and, Md., Robert Hitch, Esq., declared he did act as justice of the peace there, though we thought he was concerned. And when we withdrew to consider whether Mr. Lambert, the schoolmaster should be admitted to give evidence, Mr. Hitch withdrew with us, and said would be concerned, and would needs influence us to have admitted him to be witnesse, though he had paid for the

³³ There was a long-continued dispute between Sir Nicholas Sherburne, and Trinity College, Cambridge, and Mr. Hitch, and Dean of York, about the advowson of the rectory of Guiseley.—See *Thoresby's Diary*, under dates Aug. 30, 1702, and Feb. 1st, 1723, and *Slater's Guiseley*, p. 185. The three claimants in 1723 were Robert Hitch, Esq., Trinity College, and the Duke of Norfolk (in right of the Duchess, the daughter and heiress of Sir Nicholas Sherburne). The verdict was eventually given in favour of Mr. Hitch.

³⁴ John Adams of Camblesforth. See p. 198, *Calverley Registers*, vol. ii., for a reference to William Adams, of Camblesforth Grange, John Adams, of Heck, and his daughter Margaret, 1615-6.

³⁵ Tobias Wickham, barrister-at-law, was the second son of Tobias Wickham, D.D., dean of York, by Elizabeth, the daughter of William Wye, of Ipswich. He was born 1661, married Amy, daughter of Sir Stephen Simpson, and died in 1691. William Wickham, of Wakefield, his brother, born 1663, Clerk of the Peace for the West Riding, died in 1733. He had (besides other issue), Tobias, rector of Keighley, who died s.p., in 1726.

³⁶ Christopher Driffield, of Ripon, barrister-at-law, married Bridget, daughter of Rev. Lewis West, of Addingham and Great Salkeld, in com. Cumberland. He was the third son of William Driffield, of Easingwold, by his second wife, Ursula, daughter of Bryan Rose, of Husthwaite, in com. Ebor. His eldest brother, Francis Driffield, of Easingwold, Esq., was a justice of the peace, and was aged 45 in 1666. He had a son, Towers Driffield, aged 10 in 1666.—*Dugdale's Visitation*, p. 384.

³⁷ Edmund Barker, of Leeds, brother of Robert Barker, of Otley.

church door lock mending, and boy swore that he was by when Popplewell and Overend broke open the church door.

Memorand., that on the 3rd day of May, 1707, I sold the West Wood at Calverley to James Bolland, of Birstall, John Margerison,³⁸ of Hunsorth, and John Margerison,³⁹ of Scholebrough,⁴⁰ for the sum of 400*l.*, and to have 2 years for felling, and to be carried away before the 29 day of September, 1709. See the article in number (*blank*), and the wood being left better than articed for, I gave them 20*l.* and 3 guineas.

26 September, 1709, Mr. Driffield clerk,⁴¹ came to Esholt, and I executed the writeings hereinunder written, which was an indenture made the 20 day of September, 1709, between Sir Abstrupus Danby, of Mashamshire, in the county of York, Knt., and Abstrupus Danby, Esq. (onely son and heir apparent of the said Sir Abstrupus Danby) and Eliz. his wife, one of the daughters of Arthur Ingram, of the city of Yorke, Esq., on the first part; William Hurt, of the parish of St. Mary, White-

³⁸ John Margerison, of Hunsorth, tanner, was, I believe, uncle to John Margerison, of Scholebrough, and was buried at Tong, 15 Sept., 1752.

³⁹ John Margerison, of Scholebrough, gent. (so described in his will), was the son of Richard Margerison, by Hannah, his wife. Richard was bp. at Birstal, 5 Nov., 1662. (Qu. if he is the Richard Margerison, of Christ's Coll., Oxford; A.B. 1682; A.M. 1690; ordained deacon at York, 27 Sep., 1684; inst. vicar of Mirfield, Jan. 14, 1689). Richard was brother to Gervase Margerison, of Holling Hall, near Ilkley, ancestor of the present editor, and son of James Margerison, of Moorhouse, par. Birstal, tanner, who was son of James, who was son of John Margerison, who married at Birstal, 10 November, 1589, Mary Hayton. The above John Margerison, mentioned in the text as of Scholebrough, died 28 Nov., 1760, unmarried, in the 80th year of his age, and was buried at Tong. "Here lieth interred the Body of Mr. John Margerison, of Scholebrook, within the Lordship of Tong, who departed this life the 28th day of November, 1760, in the 80th year of his age, Also Richard and Hannah Margerison, Parents of the above said Mr. John Margerison." (No date). Hannah was buried 18 May, 1781. "Hannah, w. of Richard Margerison, Clerk, buried." By his will, dated 30 Dec., 1758, with a codicil 12 May, 1759, and proved 26 Dec., 1760, John Margerison, gives in trust to Robert Gerison, of Uckfield, in Sussex, clerk, the sum of 2000*l.*, to pay thereout certain legacies, to testator's cousin, Richard Margerison, son of the late Robert Margerison, of Hunsorth, cousins Hannah Marshall and Thomas Aked, merchant, of Bradford, cousin James Margerison, of Ilkley, cousin Hannah Margerison, of Hunsorth, Mary Moore, of Adwalton, George Margerison, of Birstal, and Abraham Margerison, and bequests to the poor, &c., of various places.

⁴⁰ An old house in the lordship of Tong, 5 miles from Calverley.

⁴¹ Mr. Driffield's clerk.

chapel, Gent., nephew and heir, and one of the administrators of the goods and chattels of Wm. Hurt, late citizen and mercer of London, decd., and Wm. Stretton,⁴² of the parish of St. Anne, within the liberty of Westminster, fishmonger, and Eliz. his wife, the other administrator of the goods and chattels of the said Wm. Hurt, deceased, and Thomas Gibson, of London, Gent., on the second part, Sir John Armitage, of Kirkleaze,⁴³ in the said county of York, Barrt., Sir Wm. Robinson,⁴⁴ of Newby,⁴⁵ in the said county, Barrt., Walter Calverley, of Calverley, in the said county, Esq., and John Ayslabie, of Studley Royal, in the said county, Esq., on the 3rd part, and the said Arthur Ingram, on the 4th part; witnesses, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Fothergill.

11 day of *February*, 1709, I sent Mr. Samuell Hemingway to Keighley, who paid John Robinson, Mr. Robt. Parker's servt., of Carlton, the sume of two hundred and eighty pounds, which, with three hundred pounds I paid the said Mr. Parker at Keighley, in November last, was in full for the purchase money of Ross Mills.

13 day of *February*, Memorand. I paid Mrs. Swain, at Mr. Hemingway's, two hundred pounds, which was the last of the money that I was to pay to the Swains for Horsforth Hall farme.⁴⁶

Memorandum, that on the 6th day of May, 1710, the Lady Blackett and her two eldest daughters, Mrs. Betty and Mrs. Frances, came to New Calverley. My coach mett them at Ferry Bridge, and brought them that night, and they staid till the 22 day; and then went in my coach to Topcliffe. When

⁴² William Stretton, of London, fishmonger. Ann Stretton was married 8 Mar., 1644-5, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, to Aldam or Adam Frame, and was buried 12 Aug., 1664, in the south cloister of Westminster Abbey.—*Westminster Abbey Reg.*, ed. Col. Chester, pp. 188 and 160 n. Caleb Stretton appears in the *Register of Merchant Taylors' School* (ed. Rev. O. J. Robinson, M.A., p. 178), in 1646, as "Caleb Stretton, eleventh son of William, gent., b. in Leonard's, Eastcheap, 8 June, 1635."

⁴³ Kirklees, in Hartshead-with-Clifton township, and parish of Dewsbury.

⁴⁴ Sir William Robinson, Bart., of Newby, near Topcliffe, ancestor of the Marquis of Ripon. This was the house the Blacketts founded. It now belongs to Lady Downe, and is called Baldersby Park.

⁴⁵ Newby is in the north riding, in the parish of Topcliffe, 4 miles from Thirsk, 7 from Boroughbridge and Ripon.

⁴⁶ In a draft lease of Calverley Lodge, dated 1 March, 1710, mention is made of "a map lately made of the Lordship of Calverley, manor of lower Esholt, and Horsforth hall farm."

my lady was here, her three youngest daughters, Mrs. Bella, Dina, and Nancy, called here on their way from London, and stayed from Saturday till Monday. My lady gave Watty a new silk coat, and 7*l.* or 8*l.* among the servants.

Memorandum, that on the 18 day of May, I and Mr. Saml. Ramsden stood godfathers, and Mrs. Langley, Mr. Rawson's wife mother, stood godmother for Mr. Rawson first son, which was named Jeremiah,⁴⁷ and gave 5 guineas to the child to buy a piece of plate, &c. Mr. Rawson had been several times with me to advise about my house.

Md., about 24th July, 1710, I sent Wm. Horn and John Stead, the schoolmaster of Calverley, to Leeds, and they bargained with Mr. John Hobson, schoolmaster (James Hobson's son), for the Sinder Carrs in Idle, for which I am to pay 120*l.*, but out of the consideration is to be paid what is owing out of the lands, either for legacies or upon a mortgage to Jer. Copperthwaite, and executors or administrators or others. And, Md., 23 August, when I was at Leeds, had the writings sealed to me by way of lease and release.

23 Augt. A commission for pious uses was satt upon at the coffee house in Leeds, and brother Nevile, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Hitch, and severall others were commissioners, and the townsmen of Idle had a hearing with Paul Jowett and Willm. Hird about the 40*s.* out of the land in Burley, to the use of the poor, which I believe would be adjudged good for all the 40*s.*, though Jowett and Hird alledged ought to be 26*s.* 8*d.* per annum.

About the middle of September, Mr. Stanhope and myself executed the deed of covenants about the bridge at Calverley mill, the same having been built by us this suner, at a mean charge, and the chief workman about it was Jordan Craven, who with his partners had 250*l.* about it, and laid us in some other charge besides. Md., one end of the bridge is built on my own lands, and the other end of the bridge, about half of it on Mr.

⁴⁷ Jeremiah Rawson was the son of William Rawson, Esq., of Bradford, by Grace Rossendale. He was afterwards a solicitor in Bradford, and married Frances, daughter of Richard Sterne, Esq., of Elvington, g. granddaughter of Archbishop Sterne, and cousin of the celebrated Lawrence Sterne. By her he had a son, Jeremiah, and a daughter, Frances, both of whom died young. Consequently, at his decease (1767), he bequeathed his Bradford estate to his first half-brother's son, Benjamin Rawson, Esq., of Bradford.

Stanhope's land, and the other half on the wast of Horsforth. And the profits or tolls for the said bridge (as well as charge) is to be equall betwixt us; and other matters settled about it, as appears by the deed of covenants above-mentioned.

Md. 13 October, I had the freeholders of Yeadon, Guyesley, Menston, Hawksworth, Baildon, Shiply, Idle, Eccleshill, Bolton, and Calverly-cum-Farsley, at an entertainment which I made them, about going in to the election for knights of the shire for the ensuing parliament, my Lord Downe and Sir Arthur Kay being candidates.

20 October. I went to York to the elecion, and had the above-mentioned freeholders with me, and voted for my Lord Downe and Sir Arthur Kay, who each of them surmounted Sir William Strickland by a great majority of votes, and I returned the 22nd ejusd. The freeholders that went with me were near 200.

13 January, 1710. Went to the funeral of my cozen William Blackett's⁴⁸ lady, of Newby, who was daughter of Sir Ralph Delavall, of Seaton Delaval,⁴⁹ and had an *a-la-mode* scarfe, and, as a bearer, an *a-la-mode* hatband, with a scutcheon, and pair of shamoy leather gloves, &c., and stay'd at Newby that night, and returned home next day.

Md. I sent Mr. Rawden to Newcastle, and he received of cozen Wilkinson 300*l.*, for the interest of 5000*l.*, due 7 January last.

Saturday, 7 Aprill, 1711. I mett Sir George Tempest⁵⁰ and brother Nevile, who was then high sheriffe, at the register house at Wakefield, Sir Rowland Wynn and Mr. Arthington should

⁴⁸ William Blackett, Esq. (eldest son of Sir Edward Blackett, Baronet, mayor of Newcastle, and M.P., by Mary, his second wife, daughter of Sir John Yorke, Kt., of Gowthwaite, in Yorkshire), was born 5 July 1681, married at Aldborough, 17 Dec., 1699, Diana, daughter of Sir Ralph Delaval, Bart., of Seaton Delaval, and, dying before his father, left an only daughter, Diana, who was married to Henry Mainwaring, Esq. of Over Peover; her mother, Diana Blackett, died 10 January, 1710-11. Sir Edward Blackett married, as his 3rd wife, Diana, daughter of Sir George Booth, Bart., created in 1661, Baron Delamere, and widow of Sir Ralph Delaval, of Seaton Delaval, at Aldborough, 21 October, 1699.

⁴⁹ In co. Northumberland.

⁵⁰ Sir George Tempest, of Tong Hall, 2nd baronet, and son of Sir John Tempest, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Edward Frank, Esq., of Campsall.

have been there, but were prevented by business. We mett according to an order of sessions, to view the Register House, Mr. Shelton,⁵¹ the registrar, desiring to be reimbursed what he had laid out about it. It appeared he had granted him 450*l.*, and now he wanted betwixt 600*l.* and 700*l.* more, that he pretended he had laid out in purchasing a little piece of ground, and building on it a kitchen and brewhouse,⁵² and severall other conveniences. This building stands at the east end of the register house; and for finishing his house and making gardens, we thought his bill a great deal too much, and acquainted the justices of the peace at Leeds Generall Quarter Sessions that we thought he had laid out near 400*l.* more, but a great many were against allowing him anything, alleadging the office was a sufficient recompense for what he had done, but there was a majority for allowing him 200*l.*, on condition he should convey his interest in the kitchen and other buildings at the east end to trustees, for the use of the West Riding Register;⁵³ and upon a promise that he should never desire anything more, but at his own charge

⁵¹ Theophilus Shelton, clerk of the peace for the west riding, married Margaret, daughter of Rev. John Witton, eventually co-heiress in blood.—*Lupton and the Heatle*, p. 88.

⁵² The big brewing-pan was in existence in the back kitchen of the house twenty-seven years ago.

⁵³ I am indebted to Charles E. Graham, Esq., for the following:—A Memorial to be Regd. at Wakefield. An Indenture bearing date the fourteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eleven, made between Theophilus Shelton, of Wakefield, in the county of York, Gentleman, present Registrar for the West Riding of the County, of the one part, and the Right Honble. Robert Benson, Esq., Chancellor of Her Maties. Court of Excheqr, and one of Her Maties. Most Honble Privy Councill, Sr. George Tempest, of Tonge, in the said County of York, Barrt., and Godfrey Bosville, of Gunthwaite, in the said County of York, Esqr., of the other part, Whereby the said Theophilus Shelton doth grant, assign, and set over unto the said Robert Benson, &c., in Trust for the said Riding, All that parcell of ground lying and being over against the Church in Wakefield aforesaid at the North end and West side of a certain Messuage or Tenement there called the Moothall house, wherein John Wade, Bayliffe, did formerly dwell, The area of which said parcell of ground doth contain from the North end of the said messuage to the street one hundred and four square yards, viz., thirteen yards in length and eight yards in breadth, and at the West side of the said messuage doth contain thirty-six square yards, viz., eight yards in length and in breadth from the north-west corner of the said messuage towards the Regr. Office five yards, and from the other end of the said messuage next the Well four yards (upon which said parcell of ground an ancient Messuage or Burgage formerly stood), And also all the edifices and buildings which he the said Theophilus Shelton hath

should keep and have it in repair. The register house and all the gardens, and the stable at the bottom, belong to the first purchase, and the kitchings belongs to the later, which he said was a lease from the hospitall that joins on it.⁵⁴

On Monday, the last day of April, 1711, I went with severall gentlemen and dined at my Lord Irwyn's.⁵⁵

Saturday, 7 July, I and my wife and Watty went to Yorke, my two sister Blacketts, and there man and maid, went with us. Sir Walter Hawkesworth was soe kind as to lend us his house, he and my lady boing then at Osgerby. Lady Blackett came from London at the same time, and lay at Mr. Bethell Robinson's,⁵⁶

erected and built upon the aforesaid parcell of ground, with their appurts. Which said Indre. is witnessed by Francis Lindley, of Bolling Hall, Esq., Richard Thornton, of Leeds, Esq., Christopher Hodgson of Ardsley, Gent., and Richard Wordsworth of Wakefield aforesd. Gent., all in ye said County of York.

T. SHETTON.

Signed and sealed in ye presence of

(Jur.) C. Hodgson.

Rey[*bold*] : Newstead [Deputy Registrar]. Book E, No. 101.

⁵⁴ The lands on the east of the Register Office for a great part, and perhaps the whole length of the boundary, are the freehold of the Governors of the Charities of Wakefield; and Cotton Horne's Almshouses stand on, and abut up to part of the boundary.

⁵⁵ Arthur, Lord Ingram, Viscount Irwin, was the second son of Henry Ingram, first Viscount, by Essex, daughter of Edward Montague, Earl of Manchester, lord chamberlain, &c., succeeded his brother Edward upon his death, 16 Sept., 1688, as Viscount. He was bap. 15 Jan., 1669; married Isabella, eldest daughter and co-heir of John Machel, Esq., of Hills and Horsham. co. Sussex, M.P., and died 21 June, 1702. His widow afterwards married John Noel, of Walcot, co. Northampton, 3rd son of Viscount Camden, and died in 1763.

⁵⁶ Bethell Bobinson, Esq., of York, barrister-at-law, baptized at St. Crux, York, 24 January, 1688-4, died in 1718, intestate, administration being granted to Thomas Harrison, a creditor.

He voted for Buckton, E.R.Y., in 1708, being son of Arthur Robinson, of Buckton (buried 8 July, 1708, St. Martin's, Coney-street, York), by Mary, daughter of Sir Hugh Bethell, knight, of Ellerton, and Frances Frankland.—(See *Dugdale's Visitation*, 1665, Ed. Surtees Society, pp. 117, 155).

His uncle, Humphrey Robinson, left him lands in Buckton and Bempton, by will of 21 Nov., 1708. He married at St. Dennis, 4 Jan., 1708-6, Mary, daughter of Thomas Heseltine, of Gateshead, Esq., who was buried 17 Feb., 1734-5, at St. Martin's, Coney-street; and by her he had issue Humphrey Allgood Robinson, bp. 20 June, 1711, at St. Michael-le-Belfrey, voted for Buckton in 1741, and was buried 21 Sept., 1748, at St. Martin's, leaving issue by his wife Margaret, dau. of Joseph Bell, of Beverley, married 18 Jan., 1728-4, at St. Martin's, an only child, Bethell Robinson, of Catwick, bapt. 29 Dec., 1736, at St. Martin's, buried at Bishop Burton, 10 May, 1824, whose daughter Charlotte was wife of Sir William Henry Pennyman, Bart., and died in 1848.

but eat with us, betwixt Thursday and Monday, at which time she went for Newcastle. She gave my wife a handkerchief, which might be worth eight shillings, and my boy a feather for his hatt. Sir Wm. Blackett was at Yorke at the same time, but did not come to our house, because his mother was there, they being at difference about her marriage, but when she was gone, came and dinol with us two or three tines; we stayed 12 days, and it cost me in house keeping, horses, and other expenses, twenty pounds. Memorandum, my brother Nevill was High Sheriff at the same time.

Md., my wife's two sisters stayed with us till 10 September, what time I sent my coach and servants with them to Wakefield, there they took coach for London. They had their board whilst here gratis.¹

Md. My dear sister, Mrs. Bridget Nevile, wife of Wm. Nevile, of Leeds, Esq. (who had been High Sheriff of Yorkshire) was on the 18th day of December taken with a feaver, which increasing upon her, she dyed thereof, on the 11th of January following, and at her own request was brought to Calverley church,² and interred in the same grave where her former husband, Mr. John Ramsden, had been buried, in my own quire, 15th same January, and my brother Nevile brought her out handsomely, and gave the gentlemen scarves and gloves, and the relations rings; and some time after presented me with her

¹ About this time Sir Walter was engaged in laying out the gardens, &c., at Esholt. Thoresby, in his Diary, says: "On the 5th of September, 1711, I walked with Mr. Thomas Calverley, by Kirkstall, Rodley, Calverley Mills—where a good new Bridge of hewn stone has been lately erected—and Apperley Bridge, to Esholt, where of old was a Nunnery, but I could hear of no inscriptions save Elizabeth Pudsey, the last Prioress. But the present heir, Walter Calverley, of Calverley and Esholt, Esquire, has lately erected a noble and beautiful house, to which he is adding gardens and waterworks, &c. But my business lay chiefly amongst the old writings, of which there is a valuable and very numerous collection. I run over three drawers full, took extracts of some, and made alterations and additions to the pedigree from original deeds, &c., and after a most courteous entertainment by the worthy gentleman, and resisting his importunity to stay all night (which I could not comply with, because I left my dear child Richard in the measles, though under most comfortable circumstances), returned home on foot with Mr. Calverley, and got home in good time."

² "1711, Jan. 15. Mrs. Bridget Nevill, of Burm'toffs, buried."—*Calverley Parish Register.*

Bible, which had silver clasps, and was formerly my grandmother's, and had been given her by my father, and presented my wife with her Common Prayer Book.

15 Febr. I sent Christopher Rawden, my servant, to Leeds, to Thomas Foster, the Newcastle carrier, and he received of him 300*l.*, which he brought from my cousin Wilkinson, of Newcastle, for one year interest for 5000*l.*, due to me of my wife's portion, about 7 January last. And he paid Foster for carriage of it 15*s.*, though he brings Mr. Milner his money from those parts, and has but from him after 3*s.* 6*d.* for a hundred pounds, and per post after, vitz., 17 Febr., sent my cousin Wilkinson a letter of receipt.

Md., about November, 1711, I returned up 400*l.* to Mrs. Harrison about getting me a patent for Baronett,* and the patent

* 'Noble Sir,—I have returned the abstract of your antient pedigree, and have seen that of Scot, or Scoty, before they took the surname of Calverley. Your deascents are very noble, it is a pity but a good hand should draw up an account of your family, to be inserted in the History of Baronets; Ralph Thoresby has your line in his printed book, but I would have the account of your house of Calverley drawn more fully, and the dates of the kings' reigns added; you have long been Walters and Williams, and seldom had any other Christian name, but the Gascoigne outgo you, having had 16 or 17 Williams successively, this identity of names oft puzzles those who draw the desents of familys: I hope you will take care that a just and fair account be given of your antient family, that posterity may know what we admire. You may vie discents with half of our nobility, for though wee all spring from one common parent, and have all the same pedigree, and ancient genealogy, yet noble actions, worthy deeds, brave atchievements, have raised some familys above the level of others, and whilst some of the sordid and unactive sons of Adam wallow in their meanes, and poor cottages, others by their publique and glorious performances are raised into an higher sphere, and enjoy deserved honours. May your family long flourish, and be crowned with health, wealth, and happiness, is the best wish of,

Worthy Sir,

Your most faithfull Servt.,

GEO. PLAXTON.

I wish you a safe and prosperous journey to London, and a quick return; for I am sure the smoky, stinking town, will not relish so well as your sweet ayr of Calverley. My best services attend your good lady, and may young Mr. Walter live to be a very old Sir Walter, when you are weary of the world and that title.

To the noble Sir Walter Calverley, Baronet, at his house, Esholt, present.'

Accordingly, about this time Sir Walter had the family evidences copied into a large folio book by Simon Segar. The volume is now in the British Museum, being No. 27,412 of the Add. MSS. It was deposited there, together with the original Calverley charters, deeds, letters, &c., &c., by the late Sir

was gott past, and bears date abt. 11 December, 1711 ; and was brought down to me, 16 Febr. after, with a note of the charge, which came to, as is set down in next page, tot., 383*l*. 1*s*. 7*d*., being 16*l*. 18*s*. 5*d*. short of 400*l*., but allowed it to Mrs. Harrison for extraordinary trouble and charges.

Fees for creating Walter Calverley, Esq., a Baronett of Great Britain.

		£ s. d.
29 Nov.	Warrt. at the Secretary's office	6 12 6
1 Dec.	Bill at the Attorney Generall's	16 5 0
7 "	Pd. at the Secretary's office for the Queen to sign the Bill	12 15 0
	Given to Mr. de la Fay	1 1 6
	Given to the Chamber Keeper	0 5 0
11 "	Paid at the Signet for a Privy Seal.	20 8 6
12 "	Paid at the Lord Keeper's for the Receipt	2 3 0
	To the Deputy Purse bearer	0 10 9
	To the porter	0 10 0
	Stamps and Dockett	8 1 0

Walter Calverley Trevelyan, Bart., 1866. The introduction is as follows:—

Esholt, als New Calverley, 18th December, A.D. 1714.

I, Simon Segar, of Battel, in the county of Sussex, and now sojourning at the house of the Honble. Sir Walter Calverley, of Calverley, in com. Ebor., Bart., make oath, that whereas I am employ'd by the said Sir Walter in copying divers ancient deeds, escripts, and muniments relating to his estate and family, all which deeds being now in his possession, and the same being of this my hand writing, are true and authentick copies or extracts from the originals themselves chiefly, as they are written and examined, being done with my best care. Witness my hand the day and yeare above written. S. SEGAR.

Jurat. loco p'dicto die and annis supra-

dictis coram Nobis Justiciariis Dom.

Re. ad pacem.

G. Tempest.

W. Hawksworth.

Fran. Lindley.

R. Richardson.

Ben. fferand.

John Stanhope.

Gervas Neville.

Sam. Ramsden.

Robert Lowther.

John Stanhope.

John Milner.

Tho. Clapham.

Willm. Wigfall.

Jno. Richardson.

J. Vavasour.

C. Arthington.

The deeds copied or enumerated in this vol. have been mounted in four folio vols., by me, WALTER CALVERLEY TREVELYAN.

14 Dec.	Fees to the Queen's servants . . .	70	14	8
	Fees at the Crown Office . . .	20	0	0
	For a private seal . . .	2	0	0
	To the Clerks . . .	0	10	0
15 "	Paid at the Hanaper Office . . .	9	6	8
	To the Deputies and Sealers . . .	1	1	6
18 "	To the Gazetteer . . .	1	1	6
	Tin box . . .	0	1	0
		£173	7	7

DISCHARGE.

14	Jan.	Warrt. at the Treasury	7	10	0
15	"	Bill at the Attorney Generall's	7	17	6
18	"	At the Secretary's office	6	7	6
		Given to Mr. de la Faye	0	10	9
		Chamber keeper	0	5	0
		Stamps at the Privy Seal	4	0	0
22	"	Docket at the Treasury and Ent.	1	0	0
24	"	At the Signett and Privy Seal	6	10	9
29	"	Warrt. and Privy Seal at the Treasury	5	0	0
1	Feb.	Fees at the Exchequer	24	10	0
		Given to the Master of the Tally Court	0	10	9
4	"	For the Quietus at the Pipe Office	3	11	0
		To the Office keeper	0	10	0
		For a red box	0	12	0
		A wooden box	0	1	4
		Coach hire and petty Expences	1	2	5
			£	69	19
			0		

Given to three persons that were instrumental
in getting the Patent, 40 guin. each . 129 0 0

Given for solliciting and passing the Patent,
and discharge through all the offices, 13
guineas

£139 15 0

Tot. . £383 1 7

About *February or March*, I got Mr. John Ord,¹ of Newcastle, to article for me (but as on Mr. Ferrand's acct.), with Mr. Abraham Dixon,² about his estate at Shipley, in his name, for the purchase whereof he was to pay 1050*l.*, whereof 250*l.* were to be paid down, and the other 800*l.* in two year's time, and afterwards I returned the 250*l.* to Mr. Ord, which he paid Mr. Dixon, and I sent Mr. Rawdon over to Newcastle to see the writings executed, but Mr. Dixon would not then seal them, but were afterwards executed before Robert Burrell, William Varey, and John Airey ; and were registered upon the affidavit of William Varey. And, M^{d.}, Mr. Ord drew things very long and sent me a large bill, came to 16*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*, which I paid him all off by Mr. Wilkinson, and also two guineas more for his own pains.

In *Apriall*, 1712, I sent William Long over to William Weightman, of Dewisbury, and he articed with him for Hirst Mills³ on my account ; for the purchase whereof I was to pay 338*l.* And about the beginning of June after, the deeds were sealed, and at the sealing thereof was paid down 98*l.*, and I gave bond for the payment of 240*l.*, the residue, with intrest at the twelve months end, boing 3 June, 1713, and was intended full intrest after 6 per cent.

30 Aug. My lady Blackett came down with my wife's sister Arabella and her maid servant ; and my Lady Blackett made a present to my wife of the diamond necklace now at present, which she was not to have had els till after her death, and valued at 300*l.*, and I reckon it cost me in extraordinary charges about entertaining them, and other matters, about 40*l.*

Oct. 13. My wife and selfe and Watty went in the coach with my Lady Blackett to London : Bradley, Stake, and Shepherd went on horseback ; and gott there on Saturday, the 18th, we stay'd at Lady Blackett's a fortnight, then went to lodge at one Mrs. Armstrong's, in Bow street, where we stay'd till the 6th Aprill, 1713, and came home on the 11th, by Wakefield coach, sooner than we intended, for my mother had gott a fall from her horse, and sore hurt herself, that her life was much

¹ John Ord, an attorney of Newcastle.

² Abraham Dixon. Qu., 4th son of Jeremiah, of Heaton Royds, who died 1707, by Mary, daughter of Richard Baylie, of Allerton.

³ Hirst Mills, on the river Aire, above Shipley.

feared. Watty learned to dance with Mr. Calverley,⁴ and was a month with Mr. le Place. It cost me about 600*l.*, and 200*l.* laid out in a charriot and furniture. My mother got her fall 29 March, 1713, being Palm Sunday, coming from Idle chappell. Dr. Burbeck⁵ was her surgeon. It was with much difficulty he saved her life. He had 60 or 70 guineas of her.

15th August, 1713. Before this time I had got Mr. Dobson,⁶ of vicarage, in Bingley, to article with Mr. Wm. Midgley, of Kilbeggin, in Ireland, for myself and him to purchase the said Mr. Midgley's estate, near Shipley Moor Head, for which we were to pay 398*l.*, and was intended that I should have the lowest lands and Mr. Dobson the upper, and the buildings, &c. Mine was reckoned at 23 days' works, and his at 15 days' works, besides the houses, barns, orchards, gardens, folds, waters, and other conveniences that fell into his share. My share, computed by day work, came to about 204*l.*, but I offered (to make all

⁴ See *Notes and Quorries*, 6th s., v. No. 112, p. 126, where "Cuthbert Bede" gives a list of dancing masters (1721), from "*Anatomical and Mechanical Lectures upon Dancing*. Wherein Rules and Institutions for that Art are laid down and demonstrated, As they were Read at the Academy in Chancery Lane, by John Weaver, Dancing Master." The volume, of 156 pages, is dedicated to Mr. Calverley, "As one of the first Masters of our Art in the English School." "The person whom Dr. Campbell meant to represent under the character of *Hermippus Redivivus* was Mr. Calverley, a celebrated dancing master, whose sister for many years kept a school in Queen's Square, London, where likewise he himself lived. A picture of him in the dancing-school was formerly there, drawn at the great age of ninety-one, May 28, 1784."—*Notes and Quorries*. Vide also *Notes and Quorries*, 1st S., xii., 255; 2nd S., ix., 180; and *ante*, p. 59.

⁵ Christopher Birkbeck, of the parish of St. Helen's, York, was baptized at Aldborough, 9 May, 1669, son of Edward Birkbeck, and was buried 25 August, 1717, at All Saints, Pavement, York. By his wife, Mary Mosley, m. 18 Dec., 1703, at Holy Trinity, Goodramgate, he had seven children, who died young, and daughter Elizabeth.

⁶ An old Bingley parish family of this name was long resident at the house still known as the "Vicarage." In 1666, the baptism of "Thomas, son of Thomas Dobson, of Vicarage," appears in the parish register. The father died in 1704, and the son, who was living at the Vicarage in 1718, died 1747. His monumental inscription in the church records that by his marriage with Ann, daughter of William Beaumont, Esq., of Darton, he had three children:—John, who died whilst a student at Lincoln's Inn, in 1782; Martha, who was married to Miles Staveley, Esq., of North Stainley; and Sarah, married, first, to Benjamin Ferrand, Esq., of St. Ives; and secondly, to Gregory Rhodes, of Ripon, Esq. The "Vicarage" is supposed to have derived its name from its having been at some time the residence of one of the vicars of Bingley. It formed at this date a portion of the considerable property owned by Mr. Dobson, in the township.

things easy) to pay 210*l.*, and Mr. Dobson was to be the rest, but a dispute arising, and he not being willing to let mine come so, but proposing that if I would give him five guineas, he would waive his right, and allow me to take the whole; I accepted his offer, and paid him five guineas, though the deeds and every thing had been gott ready for our shares separately, but were anew made, and gott ready against this day; and now Mr. Wm. Midgley, and John Midgley his brother, and Grace Midgley, their mother, came to Esholt, and [it] being agreed between us that I should deduct five pounds out of the fine (which was to be passed els at Mr. Midgley's charge, and I now to do it at my charge) paid Mr. W. Midgley first, in silver great money, 40*l.*; next gold, and some little money, 200*l.*; more great money, 60*l.*; and 40*l.* more gold, 38*l.* 14*s.*; and after, in money, 14*l.* 6*s.*, which, made the whole 393*l.* paid, and the deeds were sealed to me by himself, brother, and mother.

Mem., 13 June, 1713. My wife and I and Watty sett forward for Scarborough, we gott to Yorke that night, and staid at Sir Walter Hawkesworth's. Gott to Scarbrongh Tuesday night, and stayed till Monday, 6th July. We spent in the whole journey about 36*l.*, and laid out 12*l.* in things that was bought.

May 20th, 1714, my wife was brought in bed of a daughter, about a quarter of an hour past eight in the moruing, and imediately she was baptized privatly by Mr. Ferrand, and on Thursday, the 17th of June, was publickly baptized by Mr. Humphrey,¹ vicar of Otley, Sir Edward Blackett, of Newby, her greatt unckle, my Lady Blackett, her grandmother, and my Lady Hawkesworth, was godfather and godmothers. She was christened by the name of Julia, which was the name of my Lady Blackett and her mother.²

¹ Henry Humphreys, instituted to Otley, 24 March, 1708-9; was living in 1749; his successor, John Alcock, was instituted 28 April, 1750. He was curate of Denton Chapeelry, 1701 to 1708.

² 1714, June 17. Julia, d. of Sir Walter Calverley, bap. privately on 20th of May. The rest of the ceremony the 17th of the mouth.—[Otley Reg.] Julia, d. of Sir Walter Calverley, of Calverley, Baronett, and of Julia, eldest d. of Sir William Blackett, of Newcastle, Baronett, was born 20 May, 1714, a quarter past eight in the morning; baptized privately the same day by Mr. Benjamin Ferrand, domestick chaplain, publickly, the seventeenth day of June following by Mr. Humphrey, vicar of Otley; Sir Edward Blackett, of Newby, Baronett, her great uncle, her godfather, and my Lady Hawkesworth, and my Lady Blackett, her grandmother, were godmothers.—*Calverley Register.*

August 12th. I was at the proclaiming of king George at Bradford. Mr. Thompson and his man went to Newcastle.

When Mr. Thompson went away, I desired him to see if he could prevail with Mr. Clarkson, who was lord of the manour of Idle to give me lieue to inclose some part of the common for the use of the chapell at Idle; some time after he writt me word he had been with him, and he told him that he was bargaining with his cozen, Robert Stansfield,⁹ for it. There was to be a proviso in the articles that if his father did not aprove of it, it was to be void. When Mr. Stansfield came down, he came over to me, and I seemed to slight it, and by the next post he writt to his uncle Clarkson, to lett him know that his father would not stand to the bargaine unless he would abait him 50 pounds. By the same post I writt to Mr. Thomson that if Mr. Stansfield went of his bargaine, I would give 700 pounds rather than miss it, so on the 30th of Octo., 1714, he articed with him for itt at 700 pounds, and paid him down 40 pounds, as part of the purchase; but I was to have time till the 11th of November, to see whether I aproved of the bargaine or no. By the next post I sent him word I aproved of it, and, presently after, sent him bills for 500 pounds, and not long after, cozen Wilkinson sent him bills for 230*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*; so the writings was signed by Mr. Robt. Clarkson and his wife, Mrs. Jane Clarkson, on the 11th day of January, 1714. Witnesses to the deed were Wm. Thomson, Esq., afterwards Sir Wm. Thomson,¹⁰ and Recorder of London, Robert Lawes, John Meres, who was the attorney. Mr. Stansfield was so concerned at the missing of it, he offered his uncle 100 pounds more then I gave for it, if he could break the bargaine. I doe not think there is any advantage in the purchase at present, but

* Robert Stansfield, a drysalter, of Bradford, was born in 1676. He was the son of Samuel Stansfield, by Mary, the daughter of — Clarkson. Robert married, first, in 1703, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Sharp, M.A. (and niece of Abraham Sharp), and secondly, Anne, daughter of William Busfeild, of Rishworth Hall, Esq., by whom he had issue Robert Stansfield, Esq., of Bradford, who, in 1755, purchased Esholt Hall and estate of Sir Walter (Calverley) Blackett, Bart.

* Sir William Thompson, knight, of Nonsuch Park, Faversham, Surrey, Recorder of London. His daughter and co-heiress, Ann, married Stamp Brooksbank, Esq., of Hackney House, and of Healaugh, Yorkshire, son of Joseph Brooksbank, of Elland. Arms of Thompson; Or, on a fess dancette azure three estoiles, on a chief of the second a sun in glory proper.

I think it may be of advantage in time, for a great part of the wastes are coal.

Md. About later end of May, 1715, I bargained with John Milner for his wife's housing and lands in Idle in Mary Dawson's occupation, and 2s. rent out of Tho. Dawson's lands at Thackley, for which I was to pay him 22*l.* upon the deeds sealing to me, &c. And I am upon her death to pay 60*l.* more, being limited within three months after her decease. Fine witnessed by the carrier and Sam. Hemingway.

August 5th, 1715. My wife and I sett forwards for Scarbrough in our chariot; we lay the first night at the Black Swan, in York, and Sir Walter Hawkesworth and lady came and suped with us. The next night we gott to Scarbrough, and lay at one Mr. Harrision's, but our horses was at Mr. Weston's. I sent 4 coach mares and a saddle horse home. The 24th we came to Sir Walter Hawkesworth's, it being the horse races, and stayed there till Saturday the 27th, and came home. Sir Walter was so kind as to invite Sir Wm. Blackett and his sister Frances, and cozen Ann Wilkinson, constantly to dine and sup there; the women was generally there, and Sir William dined there twice. On Munday following, I sent my coach theroy for sister Blackett and cozen Wilkinson, and they came here the day following; 30th of Sept., Sir Wm. Blackett charriot and 6, and two saddle horses and servants, came from York hither. The 3rd of October they sett forward for Newcastle. Sir Wm. Blackett was to have been here, but I suppose he had notice of a mesinger that was coming for him, which made him alter his resolution, and, I believe, went for Northumberland.¹¹ The time that Mrs. Blackett staid here put me to more than 20 pounds extraordinary charge, and I lent them a horse for their servant to ride on to Newcastle. That morning they went away there came

¹¹ Sir William's loyalty was strongly suspected, as will be seen by the ensuing passages. In 1717, he was rejected as mayor of Newcastle, but in the following year was chosen, on producing two letters from the Secretary of State, testifying to his being well affected to the government. He possessed great influence over the colliers, keelmen, and leadminers. The latter were (according to Patten,—*History of the Rebellion in the year 1715*, 4th edition, 1745, p. 28), ordered to provide themselves with arms, and be ready to follow one who was a kind of steward or governor over them, wherever he should direct, but whether that was to be for the service of the government or the Pretender, was not certainly known.

a messenger to seek for Sir William Blackett; he had another man with him, which they said was another messenger. At his first coming in he asked me if Sir Wm. Blackett was up, that he had a letter for him of extraordinary business, which he must deliver to his own hands; I told him he was not here, nor had been here of severall years; he told me I was certainly mistaken, for he heard it at Bradford. I told him it was a mistake, and that they might think so, being his coach and servants is here; he said he asked of the maid that was milking if Sir William was up, and that she said he was not; she further said he asked the groome if Sir William was stirring, and she said he told him he believed he was not. I would have sent for the servants that he might examine them, but he said it was no matter. When he was gone I asked the servants how they came to give such an answer, when they knew Sir William was not here. They said they thought he asked if Sir Walter was up, or stirring. The messenger, whom they called Collonel, desired to search the house, and I asked to see his authority for it. He put his hand towards his pockett. I then told him it was no matter, and, if he pleased, might search where he pleased. Upon that he went into the hall and best dineing roome, and then said it was no matter of searching further. Upon that Mrs. Blackett came into the hall and asked them what they wanted. They told her, Sir Wm. Blackett. She said he was not here. He reply'd, he supposed he was not here for them. Afterwards, he desired to speak with me in private, and told me he questioned not but I knew the danger of concealing, and advised me to give him an account where he was. I told him it was not in my power, for I had not seen him since York races. He said if they could not meet with him, they could find his effects, and he questioned not but in a short time to be sent down to secure them. Some time before, my Lord Burlington sent me a comission to be one of his deputy lievetenants. 7th of October, being the great sessions at Leeds, my Lord Burlington invited the deputy lievetenants and justices to dine with him at the Swan, where we had a handsome dinner; and at night settled some business relating to the militia. He begun several healths, and amongst the rest he begun "*A confusion to the Pretender, and all his adherents, and to all his open and secrett friends.*" There was a great appearance of gentlemen. I stay'd all night, and lodged at Mr. Croft Preston's, who was

then mayor. He married my neece Wade. The 19th there was a meeting of deputy lievts. at Leeds, in order to settle matters betwixt the principals and there bearers. At my first coming into the rome, Sir Wm. Lowther¹² told me he had some orders from Lord Burlington, the lord lievt., which he would acquaint me with; and after they had cleared the roome, he told me it was to search about my house for Sir Wm. Blackett's horses. He said Mr. Millner¹³ was by when he gave the orders. I told him they was very welcome; so [he] ordered Mr. Dinedale, who was chiefe constable, to doe it. I desired Sir Wm. to lett my groome goe along with him, for fear of afrighting my wife, but he would not agree to it. Some dispute arising whether the clerk of militia should have 2s. 6d. or 2s. for an order, for the foot, it was agreed for 2s., as what had been usually paid before, at which Sir William fell into a great fury, as is usually his way when contradicted, and said we did every thing to obstruct the king's business; and that they was enimyes to king George, and that he would certify as much to Lord Burlington, where he would goe that night or next morning; and that he was surprized to see Mr. Millner and Mr. Busfield had diserted their friends; and that he would be revenged of them all. By his behaviour,

¹² Sir William Lowther, Bart., was the eldest son of Sir William Lowther, of Swillington, see p. 62. He was M.P. for Pontefract, created a baronet in 1715, and died in March, 1729. He married Amabella, daughter of Lord Maynard.

¹³ William Milner, J.P., merchant and alderman of Leeds, lord of the manor of Beeston, was born Nov. 29th, 1662, being the son of William Milner, merchant, of Leeds; and died on Dec. 23rd, 1740. He married Mary, daughter of Joshua Ibbetson, Esq. (mayor of Leeds in 1685), by Mary, daughter of Christopher Breary, Esq., lord mayor of York in 1666. William Milner was mayor of Leeds in 1697, and a great contributor to the Leeds Charity School. His son, Sir William Milner, Baronet, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Dawes, Bart., Lord Archbishop of York. See Margerison's *Calverley Registers*. His daughter, Jane Milner, was married to Richard Witton, of Lupset (see p. 86). It was Richard who recommended his then prospective father-in-law to purchase the Nun-Appleton estate, and arranged it so well that that and the Bolton Percy estates were bought for 8000L less than they were worth. Alderman Milner took possession of Nun-Appleton in 1711, accompanied by Ralph Thoresby, his intimate friend, and lawyer Witton. All three, says Mr Markham (*Life of the Great Lord Fairfax*, p. 406), were closely connected with Lord Fairfax, by service, if not by blood. Mr. Milner, finding that the house was too large for his wants, pulled down the two wings in 1712, adding a lower south front, and leaving the old north front standing.—See *The Life of the Great Lord Fairfax*, London, 1870.

one would have taken him to be a madman. At his going away, he took a glass of wine, and drunk "*confusion to the Pretender and all his adherents.*" At my coming home that night, which was pretty late,

19 October, 1715, I found Sir William Blackett and one Mr. Etherington at supper. Sir William told me he came that day from Newcastle, and that he had been forced to fly from Wallington,¹⁴ having been pursued by Mr. Forster and a great many

" "Wallington was one of the manors of the barony of Bolbeck, and was held by John Grey, commonly known as John de Wallington (20 Ed. II. and 89 Ed. III.), also by Robert de Wallington, whose only daughter and heiress Johanna, was married to William le Strother, on whose death it came, with its dependencies, to Sir John de Fenwick, of Fenwick Tower; who married Mary, his youngest daughter and co-heiress, in the reign of Hen. IV. From this time it continued in regular succession in this family till about 1708, when Sir John Fenwick sold this and other lordships to the second Sir William Blackett, Bart., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Sir Walter [Calverley] Blackett was very partial to this estate, and made great improvements about it. Wallis says:—' Wallington bears testimony of the smiles and felicity of the poor, employed in planting the hills, &c., and making roads,' Sir Walter having thus given employment to a great number of families who would otherwise have been almost starved. The mansion at Wallington was for the most part supplied with stone from a quarry at Cambo; it is a free-stone of a fine grit, and of a bright whitish-brown colour, with splendid particles of talc; it was accounted excellent for chimney-pieces, columns, and other ornamental work. In a poem printed by John Adamson, Esq., entitled *Cheviot*, supposed to be written by one of the family of Wharton, of Wooperton, near Wooler, the old English hospitality of Wallington is thus described:—

" Fair Wallington has been decreed by fate,
To be the cap'tal of a large estate;
The wine of Wallington old songster's praise,
The Phoenix from her ashes Blacketts raise."

*Straker's Memoirs of the Public Life of Sir Walter Blackett,
of Wallington, Bart.*

Wallington tower is described in a survey of 1642, as consisting of "a strong toure and a stone house of the inheritance of Sir John Fenwicke, in good reparacion." So profuse was the hospitality kept up here, that it became the subject both of song and legend, narrating the frays and frolics that followed a hard day's chase. 'Shew us the way to Wallington,' is said to be an old and favourite air in the neighbourhood.

" Harnham was headless, Bradford breadless,
Sha'to picked at the craw;
Capheston was a wee bonny place,
But Wallington banged them a'."

The profligate and profuse habits of Charles II.'s court are said to have encroached too deeply on Sir John Fenwick's estate, and it had to be sold. Sir John was soon afterwards implicated in the plot for the assassination of William

Northumberland gentlemen, who were then in arms against king George; and he told me he believed their design was to have forced him to have joyned them, and that he was as much pursued by the king's forces, who suspected him to be in the rebell's intrest. He told me he was no ways concerned, nor under any obligations to them, but was not willing to be taken, for fear of being committed to prison; and desired me to secure him here, or advise him where to go. I told him it was impossible he should be safe here, for that he came in too publick a manner, having two servants with him, and being known to all the house, we should certainly be searched the next day. I advised him by all means to go to London, as thinking it the most secure place, and where he might best have an opportunity of accommodating things with the court. He agreed to it, and resolved to sett forwards, on foot, next morning, and leave his horses here. I sent William Horn with them as a guide. He went on horseback, but when they came to Dudley hill, were so tired that they were forced to buy horses there. William Horn went with them to Bawtree. Not long after he writt me word they were got safe to London, and desired me to return him the money he had left in my hands, and that a small remittance would be acceptable. The next day I got him a bill and 50*l.* of my own, and told him if he pleased to have any more, would send what he thought convenient. Whar'e being up when he came, was forced to ferry over at Pool, and being dark, brought the boatman with them as guide. As soon as the rogue got home, he went and acquainted Mr. Hitch that he believed Sir William Blackett was here. He took his information, and sent to Sir Walter Hawkesworth, to desire he would meet him, and come and search the house, which Sir Walter gave me notice of, and advised the sending the information to Lord Burlington, and take his advice which was best to do. Next day, Sir Walter told me he carryed it himself, and assured my Lord that Sir William was gone from my house, or els would have searched

III., for which he was beheaded on Tower-hill, 28 Jan., 1696. Again the rhymesters used this opportunity. One of them says:—

“ The State his head from his body did sever,
Because, when living, 'twas his chief endeavour,
To set the nation and its head together.”

for him. My Lord upon this account thought fit to discharge me from acting as deputy lieutenant.¹⁵

14 January. Sir William Blackett, in his way to Newcastle, called here; he brought one Mr. Mark Donel, an Irish gentleman, and Mr. Etherington, of Newcastle, with him. Wednesday the 19th, we and the two Mr. Ramsdens went to Leeds, and dined there; and in the evening went to the assembly. My nephew Preston, being mayor, and some other gentlemen, dined with us. After the assembly, Mr. Atkinson invited us to his house, and entertained us very handsomely with wine and other liquors. We went and came in my coach. I treated the company, which cost me 3*l.* 5*s.* They staid till the 20th, then went for Newcastle, and I sent two servants with them to Boroughbridge. I reckon the extraordinary charges they put me to was in all at least 10*l.* When they went for London, left me a horse and a man, and about a fortnight after, sent me another horse from Nottingham, which I kept with hay and corn for about 13 weeks, and might cost me 10*l.* When Sir William Blackett and Mr. Etherington went for London, were disguised in countrymen's habits, and all the time he was at London kept concealed till he was discharged, which was but a little before he came down, and then he kissed the king's hand.

17 May, 1716. My brother-in-law Benjamin Wade, Esq. dyed of a dropsey, having but been detained in the house on it a few days before he dyed, and was buried in Huddingley chappell, Saturday 19th same, where most of the neighbouring gentlemen were invited, and was handsomely brought forth; he left me and Mr. William Lunley, of Leeds, trustees and executors by his will.

8th Feb., 1716. I do hereby acknowledge that I asked leave of Sir Walter Calverley to build a barn upon the wastes at Bramley, to adjoyne to that house called Round about house.

Witness my hand, Thomas Barker.

Test., Jonathan Hargreaves, R. Strother.

27th Feby., 1716. My wife finished the sowed work in the drawing-room, it having been three years and a halfe in doing.

¹⁵ Commission dated 22 Aug., 2 Geo. I., 1715, and is from the Earl of Burlington. Add. MS., 27,411, fo. 285. Sir Walter was again commissioned D.L. on 19 June, 4 Geo. II., 1730, by Lord Burlington. The commission is at fo. 286, Add. MS. 27,411.

The greatest part has been done with her own hands. It consists of ten pannells. The same day I planted the new orchard in the Holme.

Md. We sett out for Scarbrough on Monday the 10th of June, 1717, and lay at York that night. The next night at Mr. Rayn's in Scarborough, where we lodged all the time, and had three lodging rooms and a dineing roome, which I paid 20 shillings a week for, but it is not usuall to pay for the dineing roome. And for our meat getting, it cost about twelve and six-pence a week. There was myselfe, my wife, and both the children, two maids, and two men; though comonly is only paid 2s. a piece, and the servants given in at that price. I stayed a week longer than I thought of, because my daughter was not very well.

Beginning of April, I bargained with Mr. Layton Kirk and Mr. Francis Kirk¹⁶ for their 4th part of Mr. Layton's estate, for which I gave 3580*l.*; and the deeds were sealed 16 April, and then paid 2000*l.*, and gott Sir Walter Hawkesworth to give security with me for 1580*l.*, the residue, to be paid at Mr. Layton's house in King street, on 30 November next.

5th April, 1718. My cousin John Blackett desired me to be at Sir Edward Blackett's house in Dartmouth street that morning, and be a witness to some writings Sir Edward was to sign. About 10 of the clock I see Sir Edward sign severall deeds, but did not hear them read; I and cousin Ralph Davison and another unknown gentleman were witness. After which cozen Blackett kissed his father and thanked him; myselfe and cozen Davison was desired to meet at Mr. Baitman's, by White-hall, in the afternoon, which we did, and see Sir Arthur Kay and Mr. Baitman sign severall deeds more. I came too late, and did not hear them read, but cozen Davison and myselfe was witnesses; Mr. Wise and his daughter was to have been thore, but he not being well, Mr. Davison and I was desired to go to Brumpton park, which we did, and see Mr. Wise and his daughter Patience sign the deeds, but, before they was signed, Mr. Wise

¹⁶ Layton Kirk, of London, Esq., and Francis Kirk, lieutenant of a man of war (1715), were the sons of Gilbert Kirk, Esq. (who was born 1658, and died 1695), by Elizabeth, daughter of — Nightingale, of Doncaster. Gilbert was the brother of Thomas Kirk, of Cookridge, Esq., J.P. (see p. 70).—*Duoat. Leod.*, 1718, p. 168.

said his daughter desired to hear them read, and I found they was marriage settlements; and that Sir Arthur Kay and Mr. Baitman was trustees. The lands that was settled was Newby and other lands in Northumberland, by which I could guess they might be of the value of six hundred pounds a year, and Sir Edward had charged six thousand pounds upon Seaton Dallewell, and four thousand pounds more upon another estate; and Mr. Wise to give his daughter five thousand pounds; all which moneys was to be laid out in a purchase, and settled on that marriage; there was a proviso that if they came to Newby, Sir Edward was to furnish them and servants with meat, drink, washing, and is to find horses and other necessaries. When that was read Mr. Wise seemed not pleased, and said they was to have three hundred pounds a year in lieu of it. There was another daughter of Mr. Wise's who was a witness to the deeds. I suppose they was married the Munday or Tuesday following.

On the last of Aprill, cozen Blackett sent to invite me to his father's funeral, who was buried on the third of May. The corps did not come to Newby, but directly to Rypon church; and the gentlemen that was invited to the funeral met at Mr. Wise's, near the church. I was a bearer, and had a ring, scarfe, hat-band, and shamy leather gloves, and the clergy had the same.

My cozen shewed me his father's will. He had left him sole executor, and gave him a hundred a year rent charge for his life, issuing out of Sir Edward's estate, and as much to his brother Christopher, and 2000*l.* apiece to his sisters Maria and Althea,¹⁷ the intrest to be one hundred a year to each, free from taxes.

Md. Cozen John Blackett told me that his brother Sir Edward would have about eleven or twelve hundred pounds a year.

Julia, eldest daughter of George Trevelyan, Esq., by Julia his wife (daughter of Sir Walter Calverley), was born at Lea hill, 19 Feb., 1733-4, and was baptized the 18th March following, at Peyhembury. Sir Jno. Trevelyan, Lady Calverley, and

¹⁷ The parish register of Aldborough, near Boroughbridge, tells us Sir Edward Blackett the younger was baptized 30 October, 1682; John Blackett 30 Nov., 1683. Henrietta Maria Blackett was born 28 March, 1679; Aletheia Blackett was born 10 July, 1680; and Christopher Blackett was born 6 August, 1687. The names of the other children of Sir Edward Blackett were Elizabeth, William (of whom above, p. 126), Thomas, Isabella, Ann, Henry, and Christiana.

Mrs. Lutterell were sponsors. Sir Walter Calverley and his lady then in Devon.¹⁶

John, son of the above George Trevelyan, Esq., by Julia his said wife, was born at Calverley, Feb. 6th, 1734-5; and was baptized at Calverley, in the house, about the 5th or 6th March following, and registered at Otley. Sir William Wyndham, Sir Walter Calverley, and Mrs. Blackett were sponsors. Mr. Nevill and Lady Calverley proxys for Sir William Wyndham and Mrs. Blackett.

Susannah, 2d daughter of the above said George and Julia, was born at Lea hill, the 17th November, 1736, and baptized at Peyhembury, the 18th Dec. following. Sir William Cole, Mr. Chalmers, and Miss Ann Trevelyan were sponsors.

Charlotta, 3d daughter of the above said George and Julia, was born at Lea hill, 18th Feby., 1737-8, and was baptized at Peyhembury, about 12th or 13th of Aprill following. Sir William Thompson, Lady Cole, and Mrs. Trenchard sponsors.

A copy of the schedule of the things the Lady Blackett left Lady Calverley, and came by Holdsworth of Bradford, carrier, the 22nd September, 1722.

- 1 ten pound piece of gold.
- 2 five pound pieces.
- 4 large coronation medalls, about 5*l.* each.
- 2 small ones, about 3 pounds.
- 1 thinu large piece, about 2 pounds.

¹⁶ 1732-3, Jan. 29. George Trevelyan, Esq., son of Sir John Trevelyan, Bart., of Nettlecombe, in Somersetshire, was married to Julia, the daughter of Sir Walter Calverley, Bart., by Julia, his wife, eldest daughter of Sir William Blackett, Bart., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at Guiseley church, by the Rev. Mr. Wickham.

1733-4, Feb. 19. Julia, dau. of George Trevelyan, Esq., by Julia, his wife, was born at Leahill, in Devonshire, and was baptized that day month at Peyhembury, by the Rev. Mr. Terry. The sureties were Sir John Trevelyan, Bart., the Lady Calverley, and Mrs. Lutterell; the two former were there present, as likewise Sir Walter Calverley, Bart. [Peahambury, in Devonshire].

1734-5, Feb. 6. John, son of George Trevelyan, Esq., by Julia, his wife, was born, at New Calverley (*Eckolt*), and was baptized 7 March following, by the Rev. Mr. Humphrey, vicar of Otley. The sureties were Sir William Wyndham, Bart., of Orchard Wyndham, in Somersetshire, Sir Walter Calverley, Bart., and his aunt, Mrs. Blackett, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—*Calverley Par. Register.*

4 Jacobusses.

7 Carolusses.

Above 61 pounds.

19 small pieces of foreign coin, about 12 or 14 shillings value each, except one about 20s., makes about 14 pounds, in all about 75 pounds.

10 lockets with hair

1 small one in a piece of paper.

2 seals.

2 wedding rings, plain.

1 do. sett with diamonds.

1 eagle stone, in a box.

1 diamond ear-ring with pearl drops.

For Miss Julia :

A pair diamond ear-rings, with French pearl drops. A gold chain for a watch, with swivells for toys.

For Master Watty :

A gold watch, with a tortoiseshell case, inlaid with gold. A gilt cup and salver, with cases to it of pastboard.

} For Ladye Calverley.

Note.—Mr. Geo. Trevelyan came to Calverley last day of June, 1743, with Mrs. Trevelyan, his spouse, and 5 children, namely, Julia, Susannah, Charlotta, Frances, and his younger son Walter, then ten weeks old ; and on the Monday after, being the 4th day of July, the said Mr. Trevelyan, with Mr. Blackett, his surety, gave a fresh bond, dated the said 7th of June, for the said 1000*l.*, to the said Sir W. Calverley, payable in 3 months, with intrest at 4 in the hundred, being in the said bond declared to be the trust money of Mr. Ben. Wade.

On *Friday*, 14th *Octo.*, went to Whitby, to Mr. Beaumont's funeral, who was buried at Kirkheaton. There was a very grand funerall ; rings, scarfs, hutsbands, and escutcheons for bearers. Sir Walter returned to Sir Wm. Wentworth's that night, lay there all night, and got home about 4 o'clock on Saturday. Mr. Walter Wade went with him.

Oct. 28th, 1744. Mr. Trevelyan, John Stubbs the groom, &c., came here and stayed till Saturday, the 25th May, 1745.

May 24, 1744. Mr. Chaffe's coach and six came, with coachman and postilions, for Mr. Trevelyan's family, Mr. Trevelyan

and his lady, 4 children, viz., Miss Julia, Lucy, Charlotta, and Fanny, 4 servants, and 4 horses. They had been here from the last day of June, 1743, being 2 years wanting a month and six days, and had a horse here all the time, besides 3, and sometimes 4 that Mr. Trevelyan kept while he was here. One Sarah Williams, their children's maid, died here, the 16 Augt., 1744, and had kept her room near a month. Mary, daughter of John Howgate, of Hawksworth, came to attend her the 31 May before, and stayed with her till she died. I buried her in a handsome manner, at Calverley church, and gave all the women servants gloves.

May 25th, 1745. All my son Trevelyan's family, as above, went away; the youngest child, Walter Trevelyan, was left with me at Esholt. I gave my daughter 5 guineas, each of the children one guinea, and the nurse one, besides a great many odd things I bought for and gave to my daughter and the children.

June 6th, 1748. Sir Walter Calverley subscribed and paid 3*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* towards the new bells at Otley church, which (excluding the old mettal) cost 230*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

Copy of Mr. Trevelyan's letter about his entailed and acquired estate, sent Sir Walter Calverley, before his marriage:

Sir,—I take my father's entailed estate to be 3000*l.* per annum; his acquired estate, 1000*l.* per annum. The estate he yields up to me immediately, to be 1300*l.* per annum, with the casualties. The lady's jointure (called by the name of Lea hill) is 1060*l.* per annum. The last 50*l.* that's added to the jointure to make it up 1060 is an estate that fell into hand in the manor of Farway.

N.B.—This original was Mr. Trevelyan's own hand writing, tho' his name was not put to it, supposed to have come inclosed in some other letter.

See for the original among Mr. Trevelyan's papers in the box.

Mem. On the 9th May, 1749, Jack Trevelyan, eldest son to Mr. and Mrs. Trevelyan, came to Esholt, and one Mr. Prowce, a clergyman, came along with him as a companion. They stayed here three weeks, and went away on the 31st May. Sir Walter Calverley gave Jack a bay galloway, a very pretty one, which he rid on back again. The said Mr. Prowce was (nephew to Member Carew) a well-behaved, good-natured gentleman.

New Bells at Calverley. Account of the charge. 7th September, 1745.

	£ s. d.
To 8 old bells re-casting, 32cwt. 0qrs. 17lb., @ 20 <i>l.</i> per ton	82 8 0
To additional metal to make 6 bells, 11cwt. 1qr. 2lb., @ 14 <i>d.</i> per lb.	74 4 0
To exchange of clappers, &c.	2 10 0
To 6 bells hanging	24 0 0
Total	<u>£182 17 0</u>

Which was paid as under to one Edward Sellars, a bell-founder in York, the 8th Novr., 1745.

	£ s. d.
Sir Walter Calverley gave towards the charge of the above bells	20 0 0
The Rev. Mr. Dodgson, Vicar of Calverley, gave	10 0 0
The parish of Calverley, by the churchwardens	102 17 0
Total	<u>£182 17 0</u>

N.B.—Sir Walter Calverley, besides giving 20*l.*, lent the churchwardens the remainder of the money, without interest, which is now all paid in.

N.B.—In the year 1748, the above bells cost re-hanging, the sum of twelve or thirteen pounds, paid to Harrison, of which sum Sir Walter Calverley paid and gave in timber seven or eight pounds.

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